

confirmed in writing by the Finance Director, shall use its best efforts to invest monies on deposit in the Funds and Accounts in accordance with such direction.

(b) Monies on deposit in the Funds and Accounts may be invested in such investments and to the extent permitted by applicable law.

Section 404. Satisfaction of COP Claims. On the Effective Date, the City shall issue the Bonds in an amount sufficient to satisfy the portion of the COP Claims to be satisfied thereby. An Authorized Officer shall arrange for delivery of the Bonds to the Litigation Trust to be distributed to satisfy the portion of the COP Claims on behalf of the Settling COP Claimants as provided in the Plan of Adjustment. Upon delivery of the Bonds to the Litigation Trustee, an Authorized Officer shall take all necessary steps to extinguish any related existing debt, including the cancellation of any obligation of the City representing portions of the COP Claims settled thereby.

ARTICLE V

THE PAYING AGENT

Section 501. Paying Agent. The Paying Agent for the Bonds shall act as bond registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the Bonds and shall be initially _____, or such other bank or trust company located in the State which is qualified to act in such capacity under the laws of the United States of America or the State. The Paying Agent means and includes any company into which the Paying Agent may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated or any company resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which it shall be a party or any company to which the Paying Agent may sell or transfer all or substantially all of its corporate trust business, provided, that such company shall be a trust company or bank which is qualified to be a successor to the Paying Agent as determined by an Authorized Officer, shall be authorized by law to perform all the duties imposed upon it by this Order, and shall be the successor to the Paying Agent without the execution or filing of any paper or the performance of any further act, anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding. An Authorized Officer is authorized to enter into an agreement with such a bank or trust company, and from time to time as required, may designate a similarly qualified successor Paying Agent and enter into an agreement therewith for such services.

ARTICLE VI

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

Section 601. Supplemental Orders and Resolutions Not Requiring Consent of Holders of the Bonds. The City may without the consent of any Bondowner adopt orders or resolutions supplemental to this Order for any one or more of the following purposes:

- (i) to confirm or further assure the security hereof or to grant or pledge to the holders of the Bonds any additional security;

- (ii) to add additional covenants and agreements of the City for the purposes of further securing the payment of the Bonds;
- (iii) to cure any ambiguity or formal defect or omission in this Order; and
- (iv) such other action not materially, adversely and directly affecting the security of the Bonds.

provided that (A) no supplemental order or resolution amending or modifying the rights or obligations of the Paying Agent shall become effective without the consent of the Paying Agent and (B) the effectiveness of any supplemental resolution is subject to Section 702 to the extent applicable.

Section 602. Bond Counsel Opinion. Before any supplemental order or resolution under this Article shall become effective, a copy thereof shall be filed with the Paying Agent, together with an opinion of Bond Counsel that such supplemental order or resolution is authorized or permitted by this Article; provided that, Bond Counsel in rendering any such opinion shall be entitled to rely upon certificates of an Authorized Officer or other City official, and opinions or reports of consultants, experts and other professionals retained by the City to advise it, with respect to the presence or absence of facts relative to such opinion and the consequences of such facts.

ARTICLE VII

DEFEASANCE

Section 701. Defeasance. Bonds shall be deemed to be paid in full upon the deposit in trust of cash or direct obligations of, or obligations the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States of America, or any combination thereof, not redeemable at the option of the issuer thereof, the principal and interest payments upon which, without reinvestment thereof, will come due at such times and in such amounts, as to be fully sufficient to pay when due, the principal of such Bonds and interest to accrue thereon, as confirmed by a verification report prepared by an independent certified public accountant; provided, that if any of such Bonds are to be called for redemption prior to maturity, irrevocable instructions to call such Bonds for redemption shall be given to the Paying Agent. Such cash and securities representing such obligations shall be deposited with a bank or trust company and held for the exclusive benefit of the Owners of such Bonds. After such deposit, such Bonds shall no longer be entitled to the benefits of this Order (except for any rights of transfer or exchange of Bonds as therein or herein provided for) and shall be payable solely from the funds deposited for such purpose and investment earnings, if any, thereon, and the lien of this Order for the benefit of such Bonds shall be discharged.

ARTICLE VIII

OTHER PROVISIONS OF GENERAL APPLICATION

Section 801. Account Control Agreement. (a) The City shall enter into the Account Control Agreement with the Depository Bank and the Paying Agent, pursuant to which the bank account described in Section 401(a) shall be established at the Depository Bank. Daily, City Parking Revenues deposited in the City Parking Revenue Fund shall be remitted by the Depository Bank to the Debt Retirement Fund held by the Paying Agent until sufficient funds are on deposit therein to pay the principal and interest payable on the Bonds during that fiscal year (the "Annual Deposit Requirement"). Once the Annual Deposit Requirement is satisfied, any additional City Parking Revenues shall be remitted to the City for deposit into its general fund and used for any other purposes permitted by law.

(b) In connection with the execution of any of the agreements authorized by this Section, an Authorized Officer is authorized to include therein such covenants as shall be appropriate.

Section 802. Agreements with Third Parties Related to Deposit of City Parking Revenues; Approval of Third Parties. The Emergency Manager is hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the City to take any and all other actions and perform any and all acts that shall be required, necessary or desirable, including, but not limited to, negotiate the terms and enter into the Account Control Agreement in such form and with such terms as shall be subsequently approved by the Emergency Manager (such subsequent approval to be conclusively evidenced by his execution and delivery of the Account Control Agreement) as security for the Bonds.

Section 803. Approval of Other Documents and Actions. The Mayor, the Finance Director, the Treasurer, the City Clerk and any written designee of the Emergency Manager are each hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the City to take any and all other actions, perform any and all acts and execute any and all documents that shall be required, necessary or desirable to implement this Order.

Section 804. Delegation of City to, and Authorization of Actions of Authorized Officers. (a) Each Authorized Officer is hereby authorized and directed to do and perform any and all acts and things with respect to the Bonds which are necessary and appropriate to carry into effect, consistent with this Order, the authorizations therein and herein contained, including without limitation, the securing of ratings by bond rating agencies, if cost effective, the negotiation for and acquisition of bond insurance and/or other credit enhancement, if any, to further secure the Bonds or any portions thereof, the acquisition of an irrevocable surety bond to fulfill the City's obligation to fund any reserve account, the printing of the Bonds and the incurring and paying of reasonable fees, costs and expenses incidental to the foregoing and other costs of issuance of the Bonds including, but not limited to fees and expenses of bond counsel, financial advisors, accountants and others, from Bond proceeds or other available funds, for and on behalf of the City.

(b) Except as otherwise provided herein, all determinations and decisions of the Authorized Officer with respect to the issuance and sale of the Bonds or the negotiation, execution or delivery of agreements as permitted or required by this Order shall be confirmed by this Authorized Officer in a Supplemental Order or Supplemental Orders, and such confirmations shall constitute determinations that any conditions precedent to such determinations and decisions of the Authorized Officer have been fulfilled.

Section 805. Approving Legal Opinions with Respect to the Bonds. Delivery of the Bonds shall be conditioned upon receiving, at the time of delivery of the Bonds; the approving opinion of Bond Counsel, approving legality of the Bonds.

Section 806. Appointment of Bond Counsel; Engagement of Other Parties. The appointment by the Emergency Manager of the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. of Detroit, Michigan, as Bond Counsel for the Bonds is hereby ratified and confirmed, notwithstanding the periodic representation by Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C., in unrelated matters of other parties and potential parties to the issuance of the Bonds. The fees and expenses of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. as Bond Counsel and other accumulated bond related fees and expenses shall be payable from available funds in accordance with the agreement of such firm on file with the Finance Director.

Section 807. Preservation of Records. So long as any Bond remains Outstanding, all documents received by the Paying Agent under the provisions of this Order shall be retained in its possession and shall be subject at all reasonable times to the inspection of the City, and the Bondowners, and their agents and representatives, any of whom may make copies thereof.

Section 808. Parties in Interest. Nothing in this Order, expressed or implied, is intended or shall be construed to confer upon, or to give to, any person or entity, other than the City, the Paying Agent and the Owners of the Bonds, any right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Order or any covenant, condition or stipulation hereof, and all covenants, stipulations, promises and agreements in this Order contained by and on behalf of the City or Paying Agent shall be for the sole and exclusive benefit of the City, the Paying Agent and the Bondowners.

Section 809. No Recourse Under Resolution. All covenants, agreements and obligations of the City contained in this Order shall be deemed to be the covenants, agreements and obligations of the City and not of any councilperson, member, officer or employee of the City in his or her individual capacity, and no recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal or interest on the Bonds or for any claim based thereon or on this Order against any councilperson, member, officer or employee of the City or any person executing the Bonds in his or her official individual capacity.

Section 810. Severability. If any one or more sections, clauses or provisions of this Order shall be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or ineffective for any reason, such determination shall in no way affect the validity and effectiveness of the remaining sections, clauses and provisions hereof.

Section 811 Cover Page, Table of Contents and Article and Section Headings. The cover page, table of contents and Article and Section headings hereof are solely for convenience of

reference and do not constitute a part of this Order, and none of them shall affect its meaning, construction or effect.

Section 812 Conflict. All resolutions or parts of resolutions or other proceedings of the City in conflict herewith shall be and the same hereby are repealed insofar as such conflict exists.

Section 813 Governing Law and Jurisdiction. This Order shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State.

Section 814 Order and Supplemental Order are a Contract. The provisions of this Order and the Supplemental Order shall constitute a contract between the City, the Paying Agent and the Bondowners.

Section 815 Effective Date. This Order shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Council.

Section 816 Notices. All notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and given by United States certified or registered mail, expedited courier overnight delivery service or by other means (including facsimile transmission) that provides a written record of such notice and its receipt. Notices hereunder shall be effective when received and shall be addressed to the address set forth below or to such other address as any of the below persons shall specify to the other persons:

If to the City, to:

City of Detroit
Finance Department
1200 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
Detroit, Michigan 48226
Attention: Finance Director

If to the Paying Agent, to:

Attention:

SO ORDERED this ____ day of September, 2014.

Kevyn D. Orr
Emergency Manager
City of Detroit, Michigan

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EXHIBIT I.A.244.a

FORM OF NEW GRS ACTIVE PENSION PLAN

**COMBINED PLAN
FOR THE
GENERAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
OF THE
CITY OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

Effective July 1, 2014

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ARTICLE 1 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 1.1. General Retirement System Established; Adoption of 2014 Combined Plan Document

Effective July 1, 1938, a General Retirement System for the employees of the City of Detroit was established for the purpose of providing retirement and survivor benefits for eligible City employees and their beneficiaries. The provisions of the Detroit General Retirement System, as in effect July 1, 2014, are set forth in this Combined Plan Document. Component I of the Combined Plan Document applies to benefits accrued by Members on and after July 1, 2014 and to operation of the Detroit General Retirement System on and after July 1, 2014. Component II of the Combined Plan Document applies to benefits accrued by Members prior to July 1, 2014. Except as specifically provided in Component II, benefits provided under Component II of the Combined Plan Document are frozen effective June 30, 2014.

This Combined Plan Document shall replace in its entirety Chapter 47 of the Detroit City Code as in effect on June 30, 2014 and any conflicting provisions in any collective bargaining agreements covering Members (including, without limitation, the City Employment Terms that applied to Members effective July 18, 2012). All resolutions and policies of the Retirement Board previously adopted which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Combined Plan Document are also hereby also repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Sec. 1.2. Retirement System Intended to be Tax-Qualified

The Retirement System is a governmental plan under Section 414(d) of the Internal Revenue Code which is intended to be a qualified plan and trust pursuant to applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. The Board shall construe and administer the provisions of the Retirement System in a manner that gives effect to the tax-qualified status of the Retirement System.

Sec. 1.3. Board of Trustees

Effective July 1, 1938, a Board of Trustees of the Detroit General Retirement System was created. The Board is vested with responsibility for the general administration, management and operation of the Detroit General Retirement System and with the trust and investment powers conferred in this Combined Plan Document.

Sec. 1.4. Board of Trustees – Membership; Appointment

The Board of Trustees of the Detroit General Retirement System shall consist of ten Trustees, as follows:

- (1) The Mayor, *ex officio*, or the Mayor's designee;
- (2) One City Council Member, *ex officio*, who is selected by that body;
- (3) The City Treasurer, *ex officio*;
- (4) Five active employee members of the Retirement System to be elected by the Members in accordance with such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Board. No more than one Trustee shall be elected from any one City Department;
- (5) One Detroit resident, appointed by the Mayor subject to the approval of the Board, who is neither an employee of the City nor is eligible to receive benefits under the Retirement System; and

- (6) One retiree who is receiving benefits under the Retirement System and who is elected by Retirees in accordance with procedures described in Section 1.5.

Sec. 1.5. Board of Trustees; Retiree Member Election

The procedures for the election of the Retiree member of the Board of Trustees shall be as follows:

- (1) *Notice.* Notice of a primary election shall be sent to each Retiree by United States Mail.
- (2) *Nominating petitions.* No candidate's name shall be placed on the primary election ballot unless a nominating petition containing the signatures of at least one hundred and twenty-five Retirees is filed with the secretary of the Board. The form of the nominating petition, the filing of the petition, and the procedure for verification of signatures shall be in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Board.
- (3) *Ballot.* Each candidate whose name appears on the ballot at any election held for the office of Retiree Trustee shall be identified by the title of the position held by the Retiree at the time of retirement and by the word "incumbent" if the candidate is a current trustee seeking re-election. No ballot shall contain any organizational or political designation or mark. Rotation and arrangement of names on the ballot shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Board.
- (4) *Voting.* Procedures regarding mailing of ballots, poll lists, custody of ballots, marking of ballots, return of ballots, handling of return envelopes received, and sealed ballot boxes shall be the same as those adopted and followed by the Board in the immediately preceding election of an active employee Trustee.
- (5) *Procedures.* Procedures regarding the selection and certification of successful candidates for nomination, the selection of Trustees from nominees, tie votes, and the destruction of ballots shall be the same as those adopted and followed by the Board in the immediately preceding election of an active employee Trustee.
- (6) *Board Rules.* Any matters relative to the election of the Retiree member of the Board not covered by this Section 1.5 shall be handled in accordance with such rules and regulations as the Board may adopt.

Sec. 1.6. Board of Trustees; Oath; Term; Vacancies

Within ten days after appointment or election, each Trustee shall take an oath of office to be administered by the Detroit City Clerk.

The regular term of office for the elected Member Trustees and the appointed Detroit resident Trustee shall be for a period of six years, one such Trustee to be elected or appointed, as the case may be, each year. The term of office for the Retiree Trustee shall be two years.

If an active employee Trustee leaves the employ of the City, or if an elected or appointed Trustee fails to attend four consecutive scheduled Board meetings without being excused for cause by the Trustees attending such meetings, the Trustee shall be considered to have resigned from the Board. By resolution, the Board shall declare the office vacated as of the date of adoption of such resolution. If a

vacancy occurs in the office of Trustee, the vacancy shall be filled at the next regular election held by the Board, or at any special election ordered by resolution adopted by the Board.

Sec. 1.7. Board of Trustees; Officers and Employees

The Board shall elect a chair and vice-chair from its members. The executive director of the Retirement System shall serve as secretary of the Board. The Board may employ such actuarial, medical and other employees as shall be required, subject to the powers and authority reserved to the Investment Committee and subject to the *Public Employee Retirement System Investment Act*, as amended, MCL 38.1132 *et seq.*

Sec. 1.8. Board of Trustees; Meetings; Rules of Procedure; Votes; Quorum

- (1) The Board shall hold regular weekly meetings, at least one in each month, and shall designate the time and place thereof in advance. The Board shall adopt its own rules of procedure, including provisions for special meetings and notice thereof, and shall keep a record of proceedings. All meetings of the Board shall be public and are subject to the *Michigan Open Meetings Act*, MCL 15.261 *et seq.*
- (2) Each Trustee shall be entitled to one vote on each question before the Board. A majority vote of the Trustees present shall be necessary for a decision by the Trustees at any meeting of the Board.
- (3) Five Trustees shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 1.9. Board of Trustees; Compensation; Expenses

Members of the Board of Trustees shall serve without additional compensation from the Employer, but they shall be compensated by the Retirement System as follows:

- (1) *Stipend.* Trustees are eligible for a meeting stipend, provided the Trustee attends one or more regular or special Board meetings during a month. The stipend amount shall be a minimum of sixty-seven dollars (\$67.00) per week multiplied by the Trustee's years of service. Eligibility rules and the amount of the stipend shall be set by Board resolution. However, the amount of the weekly meeting stipend shall not exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00).
- (2) *Ex Officio Trustees.* Ex Officio Trustees are not eligible for a stipend payment.
- (3) *Attendance.* For purposes of this Section 1.9, attendance at a Board meeting shall include actual attendance at a meeting or being otherwise available to attend a Board meeting canceled for lack of a quorum.

Trustees shall be reimbursed from the Expense Fund for all actual, reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as Trustees.

Sec. 1.10. Rules for Administration of Funds.

Subject to the limitations contained in this Plan document, the Board of Trustees shall, from time to time, establish rules and regulations for the administration of the funds created by this Plan document and for the transaction of its business.

Sec. 1.11. Board of Trustees; Certain Data to be Kept

The Board shall keep or cause to be kept, in convenient form, such data as shall be necessary for an actuarial valuation of the Retirement System and for checking and compiling the experience of the Retirement System. The ordinary actuarial, accounting and clerical services for the operation of the Retirement System shall be performed by the employees of the Retirement System.

Sec. 1.12. Board of Trustees; Annual Audit Report

The Board shall render a report to the Mayor, the City Council and the Investment Committee on or before the fifteenth day of January, showing the fiscal transactions of the Retirement System for the year ending on the preceding thirtieth day of June, the amounts of accumulated cash and securities in the various funds of the System, and the last balance sheet showing the financial condition of the Retirement System by means of an actuarial valuation of the assets and liabilities of the Retirement System.

Sec. 1.13. Board of Trustees; Legal Advisors

- (1) The Board shall appoint legal advisors (including a general counsel) who shall be directly responsible to and shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees. Any legal advisor to the Board of Trustees shall be an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Michigan and shall be experienced in matters relating to pension systems. The qualifications of legal counsel shall be approved by the Board of Trustees.
- (2) Legal advisors to the Board of Trustees shall have such duties relative to pension matters as shall be assigned by the Board of Trustees.
- (3) Costs and expenses relative to the position of legal advisors to the Board shall be payable out of the assets of the Retirement System, subject to the provisions of the *Public Employee Retirement System Investment Act*, as amended, MCL 38.1132 *et seq.*

Sec. 1.14. Designation of Actuary; Authority to Engage Additional Actuaries

The Retirement System actuary as of July 1, 2014 shall continue to serve as such until resignation or removal by the Board. In the event the Board desires to retain a new actuary, the Board and the Investment Committee shall collectively participate in the evaluation and selection of a qualified actuary. The Retirement System actuary shall be responsible for assisting the Board and the Investment Committee in performing its actuarial duties and shall comply with all requests for information or modeling requested by the Investment Committee, and shall attend meetings of the Board and Investment Committee as requested, so as to allow the Investment Committee to perform satisfactorily the rights and duties set forth in the Term Sheet and the Plan of Adjustment. Furthermore, the Board shall not act on any recommendation made by the Retirement System's actuary based on any calculation, assumption or assessment rejected by the Investment Committee.

Nothing herein shall be interpreted as limiting the Investment Committee's authority to engage an actuarial consulting firm other than the Retirement System's actuary to perform actuarial services deemed necessary to fulfill its fiduciary and other duties to the Retirement System as set forth in the Term Sheet and the Plan of Adjustment.

Sec. 1.15. Board of Trustees; Adoption of Mortality and Other Tables of Experience and Rates of Interest; Limitations on Payments by the Retirement System

- (1) Subject to Section 15.1, the Board shall adopt such mortality and other tables of experience, and a rate or rates of interest, as shall be necessary for the operation of the System on an actuarial basis, provided, that the authority granted by this section shall not permit or be used to provide for an interest rate which would violate the prohibitions of Subsection (2) or (3) of this section.
- (2) The Retirement System and the Trustees charged with management of the System shall not make any payment to active or retired Members other than payments that are required by the governing documents of the Retirement System. This prohibition applies to all payments that are not authorized by this Code, whether such payments are those commonly referred to as a “thirteenth check” or by any other name.
- (3) Anything in this Combined Plan Document or any other document to the contrary notwithstanding, the annual actuarial interest rate assumption for the period commencing July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2023 shall be six and three-quarters percent (6.75%).

Sec. 1.16. Board of Trustees; Annual Actuarial Valuation of Assets and Liabilities

Subject to Section 15.1, each year, on the basis of such mortality and other tables of experience, and such rate or rates of regular interest as the Board shall adopt pursuant to Section 1.15, the Board shall cause to be made an actuarial valuation of the assets and liabilities of the Retirement System.

Sec. 1.17. Board of Trustees; Powers and Duties; Fiduciary Status; Fiduciary Duties

The Board of Trustees shall have such powers and duties as are necessary for the proper administration of the Retirement System and the custody and investment of Retirement System assets, other than those powers and duties reserved to the Investment Committee. To the extent the Board exercises discretion with respect to investment of Retirement System assets, the Board shall be an investment fiduciary as defined in the *Public Employee Retirement System Investment Act*, as amended, MCL 38.1132 *et seq.*, and shall discharge his or her duties with respect to the Retirement System in compliance with the provisions of the *Public Employee Retirement System Investment Act*, as amended, MCL 38.1132 *et seq.* A member of the Board of Trustees shall discharge his or her duties with the care, skill and caution under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent person, acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters, would use in the conduct of an activity of like character and purpose. Board members shall comply with all Board governance policies and procedures, including the Ethics and Code of Conduct Policies, unless such compliance would violate the member’s fiduciary duties or conflicts with the provisions set forth in this Combined Plan Document.

Sec. 1.18. Investment Committee; Establishment; Purpose; Fiduciary Status; Fiduciary Duties

As of the effective date of the Plan of Adjustment, but subject to consummation of that certain Contribution Agreement by and between the Retirement System and the State of Michigan as provided in the Plan of Adjustment, an Investment Committee is hereby created for the purpose of making recommendations to the Board of Trustees with respect to certain investment management matters relating to the Retirement System. The creation and operation of the Investment Committee is controlled by the term sheet regarding Investment Committee Governance for General Retirement System, as attached to the Plan of Adjustment (“Term Sheet”). The Investment Committee shall remain in effect for a period of not less than twenty years following the date of confirmation of the Plan of Adjustment. The Investment Committee shall be an investment fiduciary as defined in the *Public Employee Retirement*

System Investment Act, as amended, MCL 38.1132 *et seq.* and shall have all powers granted fiduciaries under the first sentence of MCL 38.1133(5) and (6). The Investment Committee shall service in a fiduciary capacity with respect to the investment management of Retirement System assets, determination of the investment return assumptions, and Board compliance with provisions of the governing documents of the Retirement System. An Investment Committee member shall discharge his or her duties with respect to the Retirement System in compliance with the provisions of the *Public Employee Retirement System Investment Act*, as amended, MCL 38.1132 *et seq.* An Investment Committee member shall discharge his or her duties with the care, skill and caution under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent person, acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters, would use in the conduct of an activity of like character and purpose. Investment Committee members shall comply with all Board governance policies and procedures, including the Ethics and Code of Conduct Policies, unless such compliance would violate the member's fiduciary duties or conflicts with the provisions set forth in the Term Sheet.

Sec. 1.19. Investment Committee; Membership; Appointment

The Investment Committee shall consist of seven (7) members, determined as follows:

- (1) Five independent members, two of whom must be residents of the State of Michigan, and none of whom may be a party in interest with respect to the Retirement System, as defined in as defined in Section 38.1132d(4) of the *Public Employee Retirement System Investment Act*, as amended, MCL 38.1132 *et seq.* Each independent Investment Committee member shall have expert knowledge or extensive experience with respect to either (a) economics, finance, or institutional investments, or (b) administration of public or private retirement plans, executive management, benefits administration or actuarial science. At least one of the independent Investment Committee members shall satisfy the requirements of (a) above and at least one of the independent Investment Committee members shall satisfy the requirements of (b) above. The initial independent Investment Committee members shall be selected by mutual agreement of the appropriate representatives of the State of Michigan, the City and the Board, in consultation with the Foundation for Detroit's Future, and shall be named in the Plan of Adjustment. If one or more of the five initial independent Investment Committee members are not selected by mutual agreement prior to confirmation of the Plan of Adjustment, then the United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Michigan shall designate such number of independent Investment Committee members as necessary to bring the number of independent Investment Committee members to five (5);
- (2) One Retiree who is a Retiree member of the Board of Trustees who shall be appointed by the Board; and
- (3) One Employee Member who is an employee member of the Board of Trustees who shall be appointed by the Board.

Sec. 1.20. Investment Committee; Term; Resignation and Removal; Vacancies

The term of office for the independent members of the Investment Committee shall be six years; provided, however, that the initial term for the independent Investment Committee members shall be determined as follows:

<u>Independent Member</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>
(1)	2 years
(2)	3 years

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| (3) | 4 years |
| (4) | 5 years |
| (5) | 6 years |

The term of office for a Retiree or employee Investment Committee member shall be the number of years remaining on such individual's term of office as a member of the Board of Trustees. Each Investment Committee member shall serve until his or her successor is appointed at the expiration of his or her term of office, or until his or her death, incapacity, resignation or removal, if earlier. Notwithstanding any provision of this Combined Plan Document, an initial independent Investment Committee member shall not be prohibited from becoming a successor independent Investment Committee member after expiration of his or her initial term.

An Investment Committee member may resign at any time by giving ninety days' prior written notice to the Investment Committee, the City and the Board, which notice or time period may be waived by the Investment Committee. An Investment Committee member may be removed from office by majority vote of the other Investment Committee members for any of the following reasons: (a) the member is legally incapacitated from executing his or her duties as a member of the Investment Committee and neglects to perform those duties; (b) the member has committed a material breach of the provisions of the Retirement System or the policies or procedures of the Retirement System and the removal of the member is in the interests of the Retirement System or its Members and Beneficiaries; (c) the member is convicted of a violation of law and the removal is accomplished by a vote of the members of the Investment Committee in accordance with the voting procedure set forth in Section 1.21; or (d) if the member holds a license to practice and such license is revoked for misconduct by any State or federal government. A member who fails to attend four (4) consecutive scheduled meetings of the Investment Committee shall be deemed to have resigned, unless in each case his or her absence is excused for cause by the remaining Members attending such meetings. In the event of such removal or resignation, the Investment Committee shall by resolution declare the office of the member vacated as of the date such resolution is adopted.

An Investment Committee member Committee may have his or her voting privileges temporarily suspended by a 70% or higher vote of the other members if the member is indicted or sued by a State or federal government for an alleged violation of the law that relates to his or her service on the Investment Committee, or for other alleged financial crimes, including fraud.

Any vacancy occurring on the Investment Committee shall be filled within sixty (60) days following the date of the vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term, in the same manner in which the office was previously filled.

Successor independent Investment Committee members shall be recommended by a majority of the remaining independent Investment Committee members and shall be confirmed by the Board and the Treasurer of the State of Michigan, in consultation with the Foundation for Detroit's Future, pursuant to such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Investment Committee (provided that such rules are not inconsistent with the Term Sheet or the Plan of Adjustment). In the event the Board and the Treasurer of the State of Michigan cannot agree on the successor independent Investment Committee member within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the recommendation of the Investment Committee, the remaining independent Investment Committee members shall appoint the successor independent Investment Committee member.

In the event the United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Michigan appoints one or more independent Investment Committee members, successors to any such independent Investment Committee member shall be appointed in the same manner as provided in the preceding paragraph

following three (3) weeks' notice to the Board of the individuals appointed, in accordance with such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Investment Committee, provided that such rules are not inconsistent with either the Term Sheet or the Plan of Adjustment.

Successor Investment Committee members shall have the powers and duties conferred on Investment Committee members herein.

Sec. 1.21. Investment Committee; Operation; Meetings; Quorum; Voting

The Investment Committee members shall select from among the independent members a chair and a vice chair. The Investment Committee members shall select from among themselves a secretary. The Investment Committee shall hold regular meetings, not less frequently than once every other month, and shall hold special meetings as necessary. The Investment Committee shall designate the time and place thereof in advance. The secretary or his or her designee shall be responsible for providing meeting notices to the other Investment Committee members. The Investment Committee shall adopt its own rules of procedure and shall keep a record of its proceedings. Notice and conduct of all Investment Committee meetings, both regular and special, shall be public and subject to the *Michigan Open Meetings Act*, MCL 15.261 *et seq.* All Investment Committee meeting shall be held within the City of Detroit.

Five Investment Committee members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting, as long as at least three of the independent Investment Committee members are in attendance. Each Investment Committee member shall be entitled to one vote on each question before the Committee. Except as otherwise provided in the Term Sheet, at least four concurring votes shall be necessary for a decision by the Investment Committee.

Sec. 1.22. Investment Committee; Expenses

Investment Committee members shall be reimbursed for the reasonable, actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. All reasonable and proper expenses related to the administration of the Investment Committee, including but not limited to the purchase of insurance, shall be payable out of the assets of the Retirement System. The Investment Committee may retain actuarial, legal counsel, audit or other professional or support personnel to provide advice to the Investment Committee as it deems reasonably necessary to perform its functions and such parties or persons may be reasonably compensated from the assets of the Retirement System. Such engagements shall not be subject to approval of the Board.

Investment Committee members shall be reimbursed for the reasonable, actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. All reasonable and proper expenses related to administration of the Investment Committee, including but not limited to the purchase of insurance, shall be payable out of the assets of the Retirement System.

ARTICLE 2 – DEFINITIONS

Sec. 2.1. Definitions

Unless a different meaning is plainly required by context, for purposes of Component I of this Combined Plan Document the following words and phrases have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:

- (1) *Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contributions* means the sum of all amounts deducted from the compensation of a Member and credited to the Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contribution Fund for periods on and after July 1, 2014.
- (2) *Accumulated Voluntary Employee Contributions* means the total balance in a Member's individual account under Component I of the Retirement System.
- (3) *Actuarial Equivalent or Actuarially Equivalent* means a Retirement Allowance or benefit amount having the same Actuarial Equivalent Value as another applicable benefit. The rates of interest adopted by the Board from time to time to determine Actuarial Equivalence shall not violate the terms of the Plan of Adjustment.
- (4) *Actuarial Equivalent Value* means the value of an applicable Retirement Allowance or benefit amount, where values are calculated under generally accepted actuarial methods and using the applicable tables, interest rates and other factors established by the Board upon recommendation of the Investment Committee.
- (5) *Administrative Rules and Regulations* means rules and regulations promulgated by the Board of Trustees for the administration of the Retirement System and for the transaction of its business.
- (6) *Age, Attainment of* means the age an individual reaches on the day of his or her birthday.
- (7) *Average Final Compensation* means the average Compensation received by a Member during the ten consecutive years of Credited Service which immediately precede the date of the Member's last termination of employment with the Employer. If a Member has less than ten years of Credited Service, the Member's Average Final Compensation shall be the average of the annual Compensation received by the Member during the Member's total years of Credited Service. If a Member is absent from service with the City for a period of not less than two months during his last two years of employment because of an unpaid leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act, such Member's Average Final Compensation will mean the average Compensation received by the Member during the ten consecutive year period out of the last twelve years of Credited Service which produces the highest average.
- (8) *Beneficiary* means any person who is entitled to receive a Retirement Allowance or pension payable from funds of the Retirement System due to the participation of a Member.
- (9) *Board of Trustees or Board or Retirement Board* means the Board of Trustees of the Detroit General Retirement System.
- (10) *City* means the City of Detroit, Michigan, a municipal corporation.
- (11) *City Council or Council* means the legislative body of the City.

- (12) *Compensation* means a Member's base salary or wages actually paid to the Member for personal services rendered to the Employer, excluding bonuses, overtime pay, payment of unused accrued sick leave, longevity pay, payment for unused accrued vacation, the cost or value of fringe benefits provided to the Member, termination or severance pay, reimbursement of expenses, or other extra payment of any kind. Compensation will include any amount which is contributed by the City to a plan or program pursuant to a salary reduction agreement and which is not includable in the income of the Member under Sections 125, 402(e)(3), 402(h) or 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

For periods of time prior to July 1, 2014, the City shall provide to the Retirement System actual base salary or wages paid to Members using the best and most reliable sources of information available to the City. In the event the City is unable to provide actual base wages to the Retirement System, the City shall make reasonable estimates of each Member's base salary or wages for purposes of determining a Member's Compensation.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, for purposes of determining a Member's Voluntary Employee Contributions, Compensation shall mean the gross salary or wages paid to the Member for personal services rendered to the Employer.

The annual Compensation of each Member taken into account for the purposes of determining all benefits provided under the Retirement System for any determination period shall not exceed the limitation set forth in Code Section 401(a)(17) (\$260,000 for the Plan Year commencing July 1, 2014). Such limitation shall be adjusted for the cost-of-living in accordance with Section 401(a)(17)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code. The cost-of-living adjustment in effect for a calendar year applies to any determination period beginning in such calendar year. If Compensation for any prior determination period is taken into account in determining a Member's benefits for the current determination period, the Compensation for such prior determination period is subject to the applicable annual compensation limit in effect for that determination period. If a determination period consists of fewer than 12 months, the annual compensation limit is an amount equal to the otherwise applicable annual compensation limit multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of months in the short determination period, and the denominator of which is 12.

- (13) *Credited Service* means service credited to a Member to the extent provided in Section 4 of Component I of this Combined Plan Document.
- (14) *Detroit General Retirement System or Retirement System* means the General Retirement System of the City of Detroit created and established by Title IX, Chapter VI, of the 1918 Detroit City Charter, as amended, continued in effect through the 1974, 1997 and 2012 Detroit City Charters, Article 47 of the Detroit City Code and this Combined Plan Document, as amended from time to time, which consists of:
- (a) The *2014 Defined Benefit Plan*, the terms of which are described in Component I hereof;
 - (b) The *Defined Contribution Plan*, consisting of the Voluntary Employee Contribution Account, the terms of which are described in Component I hereof;
 - (c) The *Frozen 1973 Defined Benefit Plan*, the terms of which are described in Component II hereof;

- (d) The *Frozen 1973 Defined Contribution Plan*, the terms of which are described in Component II hereof; and
- (e) The *Frozen 1998 Defined Contribution Plan*, the terms of which are described in Component II hereof, which was never implemented by the City.

References to the words *Retirement System* in Component I of the Combined Plan Document shall mean the provisions of the *Defined Benefit Plan and Defined Contribution Plan* described in Component I, unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context.

- (15) *Disability* means that a Member is mentally or physically totally incapacitated for the further performance of duty for the Employer and that such incapacity is likely to be permanent, provided that the Member shall be eligible to receive long term disability benefits under a policy or plan of insurance or self-insurance maintained by the Employer for the period of such incapacity.
- (16) *Employee* means any regular and/or permanent officer, agent, or person in the employ of the Employer, but does not include:
 - (a) individuals whose services for the Employer are compensated on a contractual or fee basis;
 - (b) persons who are employed in positions normally requiring less than six hundred hours of work per annum; or
 - (c) any person during any period when such person is classified by the Employer as a non-common-law employee or an independent contractor for federal income tax and withholding purposes whose compensation for services is reported on a form other than Form W-2 or any successor form for reporting wages paid to and taxes withheld from employees, even if a court or administrative agency determines that such person is a common-law employee of the Employer.

If a person described in (c) above is reclassified by the Employer as a common-law employee of the Employer and otherwise meets the definition of an Employee, the person will be eligible to participate in the Retirement System prospectively as of the actual date of such reclassification only (and only to the extent such individual otherwise qualifies as an Employee).

- (17) *Employer* means the City, or any board, commission, or court serving the City, to the extent that both the City, through the action of City Council, and the governing authority of such board, commission or court, shall mutually agree to include the employees of such board, commission, or court, as Employees under the provisions of this Retirement System at such time as they are eligible. To the extent that any employees of a board, commission, or court are considered Employees for this purpose, all employees of such board, commission, or court, shall be so included. However, only City board members and commissioners who are also Employees are eligible to participate in the Retirement System, unless otherwise specifically provided for in the Combined Plan Document. In all cases of doubt, the Board of Trustees shall decide who is an Employee.
- (18) *Family and Medical Leave Act* means the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, as amended, and regulations issued thereunder.

- (19) *Hour of Service* means (i) each hour for which a Member is paid or entitled to payment by the Employer for the performance of duties, and (ii) each hour for which a Member is directly paid or entitled to payment by the Employer for reasons other than the performance of duties (such as vacation, holiday, illness or approved leave of absence).
- (20) *Internal Revenue Code or Code* means the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
- (21) *Investment Committee* means the committee established pursuant to Section 1.18 which shall have the powers and duties described herein.
- (22) *Mandatory Employee Contributions* mean the contributions made by a Member to the Retirement System pursuant to Section 9.3(3).
- (23) *Member* means any Employee who is included in the membership of the Retirement System and who has not retired or died.
- (24) *Normal Retirement Age* means age sixty-two (62). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Normal Retirement Age of a Member who is an active Employee as of June 30, 2014 and who has 10 or more years of Vesting Service as of such date shall be as follows:

<u>Age as of July 1, 2014</u>	<u>Normal Retirement Age</u>
61 years	60 years and 0 months
60 years	60 years and 0 months
59 years	60 years and 3 months
58 years	60 years and 6 months
57 years	60 years and 9 months
56 years	61 years and 0 months
55 years	61 years and 3 months
54 years	61 years and 6 months
53 years	61 years and 9 months

- (25) *Normal Retirement Date* means for any Member the later of the date (i) the Member attains 10 years of Vesting Service, or (ii) attains Normal Retirement Age.

Pursuant to Code Section 411(e), as in effect in 1974, a Member shall be 100% vested in his accrued benefit under the Retirement System upon attainment of his or her Normal Retirement Date while in Service.

- (26) *Notice to Members, Beneficiaries, and Retirees* means a mailing using First Class United States Mail to the Members, Beneficiaries, and Retirees at their last known addresses.
- (27) *Pension Reserve* means the present value of all payments to be made on account of any Retirement Allowance. Such Pension Reserve shall be computed upon the basis of such mortality and other tables of experience and interest, as provided herein until June 30, 2023 and, thereafter, as shall be adopted by the Board upon the recommendation of the Investment Committee.
- (28) *Plan Actuary or Actuary* means the enrolled actuary or actuarial firm appointed as provided in Section 1.14 to serve as technical advisor to the Investment Committee and the Board on matters

regarding the funding and operation of the Retirement System and to perform such other duties as the Board or the Investment Committee may direct.

- (29) *Plan Document or Combined Plan Document* means this instrument, effective as of July 1, 2014, with all amendments hereafter adopted.
- (30) *Plan of Adjustment* means the Plan for the Adjustment of Debts of the City of Detroit, which has been approved by the United States Bankruptcy Court in *In re City of Detroit*, Michigan, Case No. 13-53846.
- (31) *Plan Year* means the twelve month period commencing on July 1 and ending on June 30.
- (32) *Prior Service* means the service credit awarded to a Member before July 1, 2014 under the terms of Component II of the Retirement System as in effect on June 30, 2014, as certified by the Board of Trustees.
- (33) *Retiree* means a former Member who is receiving a Retirement Allowance from the Retirement System.
- (34) *Retirement* means a Member's withdrawal from the employ of the Employer with a Retirement Allowance paid by the Retirement System.
- (35) *Retirement Allowance* means an annual amount payable in monthly installments by the Retirement System, whether payable for a temporary period or throughout the future life of a Retiree or Beneficiary.
- (36) *Service* means personal services rendered to the Employer by a person as an Employee, provided such person is compensated by the Employer for such personal services.
- (37) *Spouse* means the person to whom a Member is legally married under applicable law at the time a determination is made.
- (38) *Straight Life Retirement Allowance* means payment of a Member's Retirement Allowance over the Member's lifetime.
- (39) *Vesting Service* means service credited to a Member to the extent provided in Article 4 of Component I of this Combined Plan Document.
- (40) *Voluntary Employee Contributions* mean the after-tax contributions made by a Member to the Retirement System pursuant to Section 10.1.
- (41) *Voluntary Employee Contributions Account* means the account established pursuant to Section 10.3 for a Member who elects to make Voluntary Employee Contributions.

ARTICLE 3 – MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 3.1. Eligible Employees

The membership of the Retirement System shall consist of all persons who are full time Employees, except:

- (a) persons who are members of the Police and Fire Retirement System of the City of Detroit, established under Title IX, Chapter VII of the 1918 Detroit City Charter, continued in the 1974, 1997 and 2012 Detroit City Charters, and continued in the form of the Combined Plan for the Police and Fire Retirement System of the City of Detroit, Michigan; and
- (b) Any person who is a member of any other public employee pension or retirement plan adopted by the State of Michigan, other than the Michigan National Guard, or by any other political subdivision of the State of Michigan.

Sec. 3.2. Cessation of Membership; Re-Employment by the Employer

- (1) The following provisions shall apply to a non-vested Member who terminates employment with the Employer and is re-employed:
 - (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Article 3, if any non-vested Member leaves the employment of the Employer for any reason other than retirement or death, such person shall continue to be a Member until such time as the Member receives a total distribution of his Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contributions and Accumulated Voluntary Employee Contributions. Upon receipt of his Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contributions, the Member's Credited Service and Vesting Service at that time shall be forfeited.
 - (b) If re-employment occurs within a period of six years from and after the date employment with the Employer last terminated, any forfeited Credited Service and Vesting Service rendered on and after July 1, 2014 shall be restored for purposes of determining the Member's Retirement Allowance after re-employment, provided that within the two year period beginning on the Member's re-employment date, the Member re-contributes to the Retirement System any Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contributions that were distributed to the Member pursuant to Section 5.5.
 - (c) If re-employment of a non-vested Member does not occur within a period of six years from and after the date employment with the Employer last terminated, the Member shall not be permitted to re-contribute to the Retirement System any Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contributions that were distributed to the Member pursuant to Section 5.5 and any forfeited Credited Service and Vesting Service shall not be restored at the time of the Member's re-employment.
- (2) A former Employee who is vested but has not yet begun to receive a Retirement Allowance and who is rehired prior to being separated for six years shall have his benefit pertaining to his total Credited Service earned on and after July 1, 2014 calculated in accordance with the terms of Component I of the Retirement System in effect at the time of his last termination of employment.

- (3) A former Employee who is vested but has not begun to receive a Retirement Allowance and who is rehired after being separated for more than six years shall be entitled to two separate and distinct pensions under Component I, each to be calculated in accordance with the provisions of Component I of the Retirement System in effect at the time of each separation from service.
- (4) Retirement benefits for a Retiree who returns to active full time employment shall be subject to the following:
 - (a) A Retiree who returns to work will have his Retirement Allowance suspended upon re-employment. The variable pension improvement factor (escalator) shall not be added to the amount of the original Retirement Allowance during the Retiree's re-employment period.
 - (b) A Retiree who returns to work will be entitled to receive a second Retirement Allowance in accordance with the provisions of the Retirement System in effect during his re-employment period.
 - (c) A Retiree's Average Final Compensation for purposes of determining the Retiree's second Retirement Allowance will be based upon the Compensation earned by the Retiree after he returns to work.
 - (d) An individual who retires for a second time will not be allowed to change the payment option selected by the Member with respect to the original Retirement Allowance. However, the individual may select a separate payment option with respect to his second Retirement Allowance.
 - (e) The Coordination of Benefits (Equalized Social Security) option will not be available with respect to payment of the second Retirement Allowance.

Sec. 3.3. Report of the Employer

It shall be the duty of the Employer to submit to the Board of Trustees a statement showing the name, title, compensation, duties, date of birth, date of hire, and length of service of each Member, and such other information as the Board of Trustees may require or reasonably request for proper administration of the Retirement System.

ARTICLE 4 – SERVICE CREDIT

Sec. 4.1. Credited Service

- (1) The Board shall keep an accurate record of each Employee's accumulated Service credit from the date of commencement of employment with the Employer to the date of termination of employment with the Employer.
- (2) A Member shall be credited with one month of Credited Service for each calendar month during which he performs one hundred forty (140) or more Hours of Service for the Employer as an Employee beginning on the later of July 1, 2014 or his date of hire with the Employer and ending on the date his employment with the Employer is terminated. Service shall be credited in years and twelfths (1/12th) of a year. Not more than one-twelfth (1/12th) of a year of Credited Service shall be credited to a Member on account of all Service rendered to the Employer in a calendar month. Not more than one year of Credited Service shall be credited to a Member on account of all Service rendered to the Employer in any period of 12 consecutive months.
- (3) A Member who does not perform Service for the Employer by reason of a Disability which begins on or after July 1, 2014 shall be credited with Credited Service for the period of his Disability during which he is entitled to receive long-term disability benefits under the Employer's plan or policy.
- (4) Solely for purposes of determining eligibility for a retirement benefit under Section 5.2, a Member shall be credited with the sum of his Prior Service as determined by the Board and his Credited Service on and after July 1, 2014 determined under Section 4.1(2).

Sec. 4.2. Vesting Service

- (1) A Member shall be credited with a year of Vesting Service for each Plan Year commencing on or after July 1, 2014 during which the Member performs 1,000 or more Hours of Service for the Employer.
- (2) A Member's total Vesting Service shall be the sum of his Prior Service and his Service determined under Section 4.2(1).

Sec. 4.3. Service Credit; Military Service

An Employee who enters the military service of the United States while employed by an Employer shall have the period of such military service credited as Service in the same manner as if the Employee had served the Employer without interruption, provided that (1) the Employee's entry into such military service and re-employment thereafter shall be in accordance with applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations of the State of Michigan and the Employer, (2) he or she is re-employed by the Employer upon completion of such military service; and (3) the Member contributes to the Retirement System the Mandatory Employee Contributions that would have been made by the Member but for the Member's military service.. During the period of military service and until return to employment with the Employer, the Employee's Mandatory Employee Contributions to the Retirement System shall be suspended.

Sec. 4.4. Service Credit; Qualified Military Service

Notwithstanding any provision of this Combined Plan Document to the contrary, contributions, benefits, and service credit with respect to qualified military service under Component I, shall be

provided in accordance with Code Section 414(u). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, if a Member dies while performing qualified military service (as defined in Code Section 414(u)), to the extent required by Code Section 401(a)(37), the survivors of the Member are entitled to any additional benefits (if any, and other than benefit accruals relating to the period of qualified military service) provided under the Retirement System as if the Member had resumed and then terminated employment on account of death.

ARTICLE 5 – ELIGIBILITY FOR RETIREMENT BENEFITS

Sec. 5.1. Eligibility for Unreduced Normal Retirement Benefit

Any Member who attains his Normal Retirement Date may retire upon written application filed with the Board setting forth the date on which the Member desires to be retired. The date of retirement shall be effective as of the first day following the later of (i) the Member's last day on the City payroll, or (ii) the date the Member executes and files an application for retirement, notwithstanding that the Member may have separated from Service during the notification period. Such a Member shall be entitled to receive an unreduced Retirement Allowance calculated as provided in Section 6.1 and payable in a form of payment selected by the Member pursuant to Section 8.1.

Sec. 5.2. Eligibility for Reduced Early Retirement Benefit

Any Member who has attained Age fifty-five, who is credited with thirty or more years of Credited Service, and who has not attained his Normal Retirement Date, shall have the option of retiring upon written application filed with the Board setting forth the date on which the Member desires to be retired. The Retirement Allowance payable to a Member who retires early shall be the Actuarial Equivalent of the Retirement Allowance that would be payable to the Member at his Normal Retirement Date pursuant to Section 6.1, as determined by the Plan Actuary. A Member's early retirement benefit shall be payable in accordance with a form of payment selected by the Member pursuant to Section 8.1.

Sec. 5.3. Eligibility for Deferred Vested Retirement Benefit

Any Member who ceases to be an employee before satisfying the requirements for receipt of a retirement benefit under Section 5.1 or Section 5.2 and who is credited with ten or more years of Vesting Service (regardless of age), shall be entitled to receive an unreduced Retirement Allowance commencing at any time following his attainment of Age sixty-two. Deferred vested retirement benefits shall be payable in accordance with a form of payment selected by the Member pursuant to Section 8.1.

Sec. 5.4. Eligibility for Retirement Benefit – Disabled Members

Any Member who becomes Disabled prior to his Normal Retirement Date shall be entitled to receive an unreduced Retirement Allowance commencing at any time following the Member's attainment of Age sixty-two. Disability retirement benefits shall be payable in accordance with a form of payment selected by the Member pursuant to Section 8.1.

Sec. 5.5. Return of Accumulated Mandatory Contributions to Non-Vested Member

If a Member ceases to be an Employee before becoming eligible for a deferred vested Retirement Allowance under Section 5.3 or a disability Retirement Allowance under Section 5.4, the Member may elect to receive distribution of the Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contributions made to the Retirement System by such Member. If a Member elects to receive his Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contributions, such amounts shall be paid to the Member in a lump sum payment or in equal monthly installments for a period not to exceed three years, according to such rules and regulations as the Board may adopt from time to time.

ARTICLE 6 – RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE; VARIABLE PENSION IMPROVEMENT FACTOR (ESCALATOR)

Sec. 6.1. Retirement Allowance

The Retirement Allowance payable to a Member commencing at the later of his Normal Retirement Date or his actual retirement from employment with the Employer in the form of a Straight Life Retirement Allowance shall be equal to one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the Member's Average Final Compensation multiplied by the Member's years (computed to the nearest one-twelfth ($1/12^{\text{th}}$) year) of Credited Service earned on and after July 1, 2014.

Sec. 6.2. Variable Pension Improvement Factor (Escalator)

Except as provided in Section 9.5, beginning July 1, 2018 and effective the first day of each Plan Year thereafter, the Trustee may determine that a Retiree's annual Retirement Allowance shall be increased by a factor of two percent (2.0%), computed each year on the basis of the amount of the original Retirement Allowance received at the time of Retirement; provided, that the recipient of said Retirement Allowance shall have attained Age sixty-two and shall have been receiving a Retirement Allowance for a period of not less than twelve months prior to the first day of such Plan Year.

ARTICLE 7 – DEATH BENEFITS

Sec. 7.1. Accidental Death Benefit; Performance of Duty

- (1) If a Member is killed in the performance of duty in the service of the Employer, or dies as the result of illness contracted or injuries received while in the performance of duty in the service of the Employer, and such death, illness, or injuries resulting in death, is found by the Board to have resulted from the actual performance of duty in the service of the Employer, the Member's surviving Spouse shall be entitled to a monthly annuity benefit equal to the Member's Retirement Allowance at the time of his death, unreduced for early payment. Such benefit shall be payable until the earlier of the surviving Spouse's death.
- (2) The minimum annual Retirement Allowance payable to a surviving Spouse under this Section 7.1 shall be equal to ten percent (10%) of the Member's Average Final Compensation determined as of his date of death.

Sec. 7.2. Death Benefits for Surviving Spouses Generally

If any Member dies while in the employ of the Employer (other than in the performance of duty) after the date such Member has earned ten or more years of Credited Service, the Member's surviving Spouse shall receive a Retirement Allowance. The Retirement Allowance payable to the Spouse shall be computed in the same manner in all respects as if said Member had (i) retired effective the day preceding the Member's death, notwithstanding that the Member had not attained Normal Retirement Date, (ii) elected a Joint and One Hundred Percent Survivor Allowance as described in Section 8.1, and (iii) nominated the surviving Spouse as Beneficiary.

Sec. 7.3. Refund of Accumulated Mandatory Contributions Upon Death of Member

If a Member dies while employed by the City or following termination of employment but prior to commencement of a Retirement Allowance, the Member's Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contributions to the Retirement System at the time of death shall be paid to the Beneficiary nominated in a written designation duly executed by the Member and filed with the Board. In the event there is no such designated Beneficiary surviving, the Member's Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contributions shall be paid to the Member's estate. If a Member who dies without a legal will has not nominated a Beneficiary, the Member's Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contributions at the time of death may be used to pay burial expenses if the Member leaves no other estate sufficient for such purpose. Such expenses shall not exceed a reasonable amount as determined by the Board.

Sec. 7.4. Benefits Offset by Compensation Benefits; Subrogation

- (1) Any amounts which may be paid or payable to a Beneficiary on account of a Member's death under the provisions of any Workers' Compensation, pension, or similar law, except federal Social Security old-age and survivors' benefits, shall be an offset against any amounts payable from funds of the Retirement System on account of the Member's death. If the present value of the benefits payable under said Workers' Compensation, pension, or similar law, is less than the Pension Reserve for the Retirement Allowance payable by the Retirement System, the present value of the said Workers' Compensation, pension, or similar legal benefit shall be deducted from the amounts payable by the Retirement System, and such amounts as may be provided by the Retirement System, so reduced, shall be payable as provided in this Combined Plan Document.

- (2) In the event a person becomes entitled to a pension payable by the Retirement System because of an accident or injury caused by the act of a third party, the Retirement System shall be subrogated to the rights of said person against such third party to the extent of the benefit which the Retirement System pays or becomes liable to pay.

ARTICLE 8 – FORMS OF PAYMENT

Sec. 8.1. Retirement Allowance Options

- (1) Until the date the first Retirement Allowance payment check is issued, any Member may elect to receive a *Straight Life Retirement Allowance* payable throughout life, or the Member may elect to receive the Actuarial Equivalent of the *Straight Life Retirement Allowance* computed as of the effective date of retirement, in a reduced Retirement Allowance payable throughout life, and nominate a Beneficiary, in accordance with the options set forth below:
 - (a) *Option One. Cash Refund Annuity.* If a Retiree who elected a Cash Refund Annuity dies before payment of the Accumulated Contributions made to the Retirement System on and after July 1, 2014 has been received in an aggregate amount equal to, but not exceeding the Retiree's Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contributions at the time of retirement, the difference between said Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contributions and the aggregate amount of annuity payments already received, shall be paid in a single lump sum to a Beneficiary nominated by written designation duly executed by the Member and filed with the Board. If there are no such designated Beneficiaries surviving said Retiree, any such difference shall be paid to the Retiree's estate.
 - (b) *Option Two. Joint and One Hundred Percent Survivor Allowance.* Upon the death of a Retiree who elected a *Joint and One Hundred Percent Survivor Allowance*, one hundred percent of the reduced Retirement Allowance shall be paid to and continued throughout the life of the Beneficiary nominated by written designation duly executed and filed with the Board prior to the date the first payment of the Retirement Allowance becomes due.
 - (c) *Option "A". Joint and Seventy-Five Percent Survivor Allowance.* Upon the death of a Retiree who elected a *Joint and Seventy-Five Percent Survivor Allowance*, seventy-five percent of the reduced Retirement Allowance shall be continued throughout the life of and paid to the Beneficiary nominated by written designation duly executed by the Member and filed with the Board prior to the date the first payment of the Retirement Allowance becomes due.
 - (d) *Option Three. Joint and Fifty Percent Survivor Allowance.* Upon the death of a Retiree who elected a *Joint and Fifty Percent Survivor Allowance*, fifty percent of the reduced Retirement Allowance shall be continued throughout the life of and paid to the Beneficiary nominated by written designation duly executed by the Member and filed with the Board prior to the date the first payment of the Retirement Allowance becomes due.
 - (e) *Option "B". Joint and Twenty-Five Percent Survivor Allowance.* Upon the death of a Retiree who elected a *Joint and Twenty-Five Percent Survivor Allowance*, twenty-five percent of the reduced Retirement Allowance shall be paid throughout the life of the Beneficiary nominated by written designation duly executed and filed with the Board prior to the date the first payment of the Retirement Allowance becomes due.
- (2) *Joint and Survivor Optional Forms of Payment.* The *Joint and Survivor Optional Forms of Payment* provided under the Retirement System shall be made available in either the standard form or the pop-up form, as follows:

- (a) *Standard Form.* Under the *Standard Form*, the reduced Retirement Allowance shall be paid throughout the lifetime of the Retiree.
- (b) *Pop-up Form.* Under the *Pop-up Form*, the reduced Retirement Allowance shall be paid throughout the lifetime of the Retiree and the designated Beneficiary. In the event of the death of the designated Beneficiary during the lifetime of the Retiree, the amount of the Retirement Allowance shall be changed to the amount that would have been payable had the Retiree elected the *Straight Life Retirement Allowance Form of Payment*.
- (3) *Coordination of Benefits.* According to such rules and regulations as the Board shall adopt, until the first payment of a Retirement Allowance becomes due, but not thereafter, a Member under Age sixty-five may elect to have the Member's *Straight Life Retirement Allowance* provided for in this Retirement System equated on an Actuarial Equivalent basis to provide an increased Retirement Allowance payable to Age sixty-two or Age sixty-five, and to provide a decreased Retirement Allowance thereafter. The increased Retirement Allowance payable to such Age shall approximate the total of the decreased Retirement Allowance payable thereafter and the estimated social security benefit. If a Member elects to receive increased and then decreased Retirement Allowance payments provided for in this paragraph, he or she may also elect to have such payments reduced by electing one of the optional forms of payment provided for in paragraph (1) of this Section 8.1. This coordination of benefits option shall not create any additional actuarial costs.

Sec. 8.2. Disposition of Surplus Benefits upon Death of Retiree and Beneficiary

If under a Joint and One Hundred Percent Survivor allowance, a Joint and Seventy-Five Percent Survivor allowance, a Joint and Fifty Percent Survivor allowance, or a Joint and Twenty-Five Percent Survivor allowance as provided for under Section 8.1(1), both a Retiree and his Beneficiary die before they have received in Retirement Allowance payments an aggregate amount equal to the Retiree's Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contributions at the time of retirement, the difference between the said Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contributions and the aggregate amount of Retirement Allowances paid to the Retiree and Beneficiary, shall be paid in a single lump sum to such person or persons nominated by written designation of the Retiree duly executed and filed with the Board. If there are no such person or persons surviving the Retiree and the Beneficiary, any such difference shall be paid to the estate of the second to die of the Retiree or Beneficiary.

ARTICLE 9 – FUNDING AND RESERVES

Sec. 9.1. Funding Objective of the Retirement System

The funding objective of Component I of the Retirement System is to establish and receive Employer and Member contributions during each Plan Year that are sufficient to fully cover the actuarial cost of benefits anticipated to be paid on account of Credited Service rendered by Members during the Plan Year (the normal cost requirements of the Retirement System), and amortize the unfunded actuarial costs of benefits likely to be paid on account of Credited Service rendered on or after July 1, 2014 and before the first day of the Plan Year (the unfunded actuarial accrued liability of Component I of the Retirement System).

Sec. 9.2. Funds

Component I of the Retirement System shall consist of the Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contribution Fund, the Accumulated Voluntary Employee Contribution Fund, the Pension Accumulation Fund, the Rate Stabilization Fund, the Expense Fund, and the Income Fund, as follows:

- (1) The Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contribution Fund shall be the Fund in which shall be accumulated the contributions of Members to provide their Retirement Allowances. Upon the Retirement, termination, or death of a Member with a vested Retirement Allowance, the Member's Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contributions shall be deemed to be part of the Pension Reserve which shall be used to pay the Member's Retirement Allowance.
- (2) The Accumulated Voluntary Employee Contribution Fund shall be the Fund in which shall be accumulated the voluntary after-tax contributions of Members together with earnings thereon.
- (3) The Pension Accumulation Fund shall be the fund in which shall be accumulated reserves for the Retirement Allowances and other benefits payable from that portion of the Employer's annual contribution that is not credited to the Rate Stabilization Fund, and from which shall be paid Retirement Allowances and other benefits on account of Members.
- (4) The Rate Stabilization Fund shall be the Fund to which shall be credited Employer contributions in excess of the amount of the Employer's contribution which is credited to the Pension Accumulation Fund.
- (5) The Expense Fund shall be the fund to which shall be credited any money provided by the Employer to pay the administrative expenses of the Retirement System, and from which shall be paid certain expenses incurred in connection with the administration and operation of the Retirement System.
- (6) The Income Fund shall be the Fund to which shall be credited all interest, dividends, and other income derived from the investments of Component I of the Retirement System and any earnings thereon, all gifts and bequests received by Component I of the Retirement System, and all other moneys credited to Component I of the Retirement System, the disposition of which is not specifically provided for in this Article 9. There shall be paid or transferred from the Income Fund, all amounts required to credit earnings and losses to the various Funds of the Retirement System in accordance with the provisions of Component I of this Combined Plan Document.

Sec. 9.3. Method of Financing Retirement System Benefits

- (1) The pension liabilities for Members shall be determined by the Plan's Actuary using the entry-age normal cost method of actuarial valuation.
- (2) The Employer's annual contribution to finance the prospective pension liabilities for the nine Plan Year period commencing July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2023 shall be five percent of the Compensation of active Members for the applicable Plan Year. A portion of the Employer's annual contribution for each Plan Year shall be credited to the Rate Stabilization Fund. The remainder of the City's annual contribution shall be allocated to the Pension Accumulation Fund.
- (3) Except as provided in Section 9.5, for each Plan Year, a Member shall contribute to the Retirement System an amount equal to four percent of his or her Compensation for such Plan Year. A Member's Mandatory Employee Contributions for the Plan Year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015 shall commence as of July 14, 2014. The officer or officers responsible for processing the payroll shall cause a Member's Mandatory Employee Contributions to be deducted from the Member's Compensation on each and every payroll, for each and every payroll period, from the date of his participation in the Retirement System to the date he ceases to be a Member. The contribution shall be deducted from the Members' Compensation, notwithstanding that the minimum compensation provided by law for any Member shall be reduced thereby. Payment of compensation, less said Mandatory Employee Contributions, shall be a complete discharge of all claims and demands whatsoever for the services rendered by the said Member during the period covered by such payment. Member Mandatory Employee Contributions will be used for the purpose of funding the normal cost of the Retirement System.

Sec. 9.4. Member Contributions Picked-Up

- (1) The Employer shall pick up Member Mandatory Employee Contributions required pursuant to Sections 9.3(3) and 9.5 in accordance with Code Section 414(h).
- (2) The picked-up contributions, although designated as employee contributions shall be treated as City contributions for the purpose of determining a Member's tax treatment under the Internal Revenue Code. The City shall pay the contributions picked-up on behalf of a Member from the same source of funds that are used for paying compensation to the Member.
- (3) The Employer shall pick up Member Mandatory Employee Contributions by a reduction in the Member's cash salary or an offset against a future salary increase, or both. The Employer shall designate Mandatory Employee Contributions that are picked-up and paid to the Retirement System as employer contributions and not as employee contributions. No Member who participates in the Retirement System shall have the option of choosing to receive the contributed amounts directly instead of having those amounts paid by the City to the Retirement System.

Sec. 9.5. Fiscal Responsibility: Increased Funding Obligations and Benefit Reductions

- (1) To safeguard the long-term actuarial and financial integrity of the Retirement System, in the event the funding level of Component I of the Retirement System projected over a five year period falls below one hundred percent (100%), the following remedial action shall be required in the order set forth below, beginning with the Plan Year following the Plan Year in which such determination is made and continuing until the funding level is restored to not less than one hundred percent (100%):

- (a) the Trustee may not award the variable pension improvement factor (escalator) described in Section 6.2 to any Retiree;
 - (b) all amounts credited to the Rate Stabilization Fund shall be transferred to the Pension Accumulation Fund for the purposes of funding benefits payable under Component I of the Retirement System; and
 - (c) Member Mandatory Contributions shall be increased from four percent (4%) of Compensation to five percent (5%) of Compensation for the next following five Plan Years.
- (2) In the event the funding level of the Retirement System determined as provided in Section 9.5(1) is projected to fall below eighty percent (80%), the following remedial action shall be required in the order set forth below, beginning with the Plan Year following the Plan Year in which such determination is made and continuing until the funding level is restored to not less than eighty percent (80%):
- (a) the remedial action required in Section 9.5(1) shall be implemented or continued;
 - (b) the Retirement Allowance payable to a Retiree shall not include the variable pension improvement factor (escalator) that was most recently added to the Retiree's Retirement Allowance for a Plan Year;
 - (c) Member Mandatory Employee Contributions shall be increased from five percent (5%) of Compensation to six percent (6%) of Compensation for the next following five Plan Years;
 - (d) the Retirement Allowance payable to a Retiree shall not include the variable pension improvement factor (escalator) that was most recently added to the Retiree's Retirement Allowance for the Plan Year preceding the Plan Year referenced in paragraph (b) above; and
 - (e) the Retirement Allowance accrued by Members for up to a five Plan-Year-period shall be determined as provided in Section 6.1, except that one percent (1%) shall be substituted for one and one-half percent (1.5%) wherever it appears in said Section 6.1.

In determining whether the eighty percent (80%) funding level under this Section 9.5(2) has been achieved, the Plan's Actuary shall calculate the funding percentage of the Retirement System after taking into account the elimination of the variable pension improvement factor (escalator) pursuant to Section 9.5(1)(a) but prior to taking into account the remedial steps provided in Sections 9.5(1)(b) and (c).

- (3) For purposes of this Section 9.5, the "funding level" shall mean the ratio of the market value of the assets of Component I of the Retirement System to the actuarial accrued liability of Component I of the Retirement System. The actuarial accrued liability shall be calculated by the Plan's Actuary utilizing an interest rate assumption of six and three-quarters percent (6.75%) and other reasonable assumptions as directed by the Board upon the recommendation of the Investment Committee. The market value of assets shall be determined on the basis of a three-year look back period of smoothed investment returns.

ARTICLE 10 – VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS

Sec. 10.1. Voluntary Employee Contributions; Amount; Vesting

Subject to procedures established by the Board, a Member may elect to reduce his Compensation for any Plan Year by a whole percentage equal to three percent (3%), five percent (5%) or seven percent (7%) and have such amount contributed by the Employer to a Voluntary Employee Contribution Account maintained on his behalf under Component I of the Retirement System. Voluntary Employee Contributions shall be made to the Retirement System on an after-tax basis. Amounts credited to a Member's Voluntary Employee Contribution Account shall be one hundred percent (100%) vested at all times.

Sec. 10.2. Changing an Election to Contribute

A Member may change or revoke an election to make Voluntary Employee Contributions to the Retirement System pursuant to this Article 10 in such manner and with such advance notice as the Board shall determine. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Member shall be permitted to change such election not less frequently than annually.

Sec. 10.3. Individual Member Accounting; Crediting of Earnings

The Board shall maintain a Voluntary Employee Contribution Account on behalf of each Member who elects to make Voluntary Employee Contributions to the Retirement System. Each Plan Year, a Member's Voluntary Employee Contribution Account shall be credited with earnings at a rate equal to the actual net investment rate of return on the assets of the Retirement System for the second fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year in which the earnings are credited; in no event, however, shall the earnings rate credited to a Member's Voluntary Employee Contribution Account for any Plan Year be less than zero percent (0%) nor greater than five and one-quarter percent (5.25%).

Sec. 10.4. Distribution of Accumulated Voluntary Employee Contributions

- (1) If a Member ceases to be an Employee other than by reason of death, the Member may elect to receive distribution of the Accumulated Voluntary Employee Contributions made to the Retirement System by such Member. If a Member elects to receive his Accumulated Voluntary Employee Contributions, such amounts shall be paid to the Member in a lump sum payment or in equal monthly installments for a period not to exceed three years, according to such rules and regulations as the Board may adopt from time to time.
- (2) In lieu of receiving distribution of his Accumulated Voluntary Employee Contributions as provided in Section 10.4(1), a Member may elect to have the actuarial equivalent value of his Accumulated Voluntary Employee Contributions added to his Retirement Allowance and paid in the form of an annuity described in Section 8.1.
- (3) If a Member dies while employed by the Employer or following termination of employment but prior to receiving distribution of the Member's Accumulated Voluntary Employee Contributions, the amounts credited to the Member's Accumulated Voluntary Employee Contribution Account at the time of death shall be paid to the Beneficiary nominated in a written designation duly executed by the Member and filed with the Board. In the event there is no such designated Beneficiary surviving, the Member's Accumulated Voluntary Employee Contributions shall be paid to the Member's estate. If a Member who dies without a legal will has not nominated a Beneficiary, the Member's Accumulated Voluntary Employee Contributions at the time of death

may be used to pay burial expenses if the Member leaves no other estate sufficient for such purpose. Such expenses shall not exceed a reasonable amount as determined by the Board.

ARTICLE 11 – LOAN PROGRAM FOR VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS

Sec. 11.1. The Loan Program

A loan program shall be available to Members who have amounts credited to a Voluntary Employee Contributions Account. The Board is authorized to adopt rules and regulations, from time to time, to govern the administration and the operation of the loan program. Copies of the rules shall be made available to eligible Members in the offices of the Retirement System. Any loans granted or renewed under the Retirement System shall be made and administered pursuant to and in compliance with Section 72(p) of the Internal Revenue Code and regulations thereunder.

Sec. 11.2. Eligibility for Loan

Subject to the rules and procedures established by the Board, loans may be made to eligible Members from such Member's Voluntary Employee Contribution Account. An eligible Member is any Member who has participated in the Retirement System for twelve (12) months or more. Former Members, Spouses and Beneficiaries are not eligible to receive any loans from the Retirement System. No Member shall have more than two (2) outstanding loans from the Retirement System (Component I and/or Component II) at any time. A Member who has previously defaulted on a loan shall not be eligible for a loan from the Retirement System.

Sec. 11.3. Amount of Loan

An eligible Member who has satisfied applicable rules and procedures established by the Board may borrow from his Voluntary Employee Contribution Account an amount, which does not exceed the lesser of (i) fifty percent (50%) of the Member's Voluntary Employee Contribution Account balance, and (ii) Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), in each case reduced by the excess, if any, of: (1) the Member's highest outstanding loan balance under the Retirement System during the one (1) year period ending on the day before the date on which the loan is made, or (2) the outstanding loan balance under the Retirement System on the date on which the loan is made, whichever is less. The minimum loan amount shall be One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

Sec. 11.4. Terms and Conditions

In addition to such rules and procedures that are established by the Board, all loans shall comply with the following terms and conditions:

- (a) Each loan application shall be made in writing.
- (b) All loans shall be memorialized by a collateral promissory note for the amount of the loan, including interest, payable to the order of the Retirement System and properly executed by the Member.
- (c) Each loan shall be repaid by substantially equal payroll deductions over a period not to exceed five (5) years, or, where the loan is for the purpose of buying a principal residence, a period not to exceed fifteen (15) years. In no case shall the amount of the payroll deduction be less than Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) for any two-week pay period. A Member receiving a loan will be required to authorize payroll deductions from his compensation in an amount sufficient to repay the loan over its term.

- (d) An amount equal to the principal amount of the loan to a Member (but not more than one half of the Member's vested interest in the Retirement System) will be designated as collateral for guaranteeing the loan.
- (e) Each loan shall bear interest at a rate determined by the Board. The Board shall not discriminate among Members in its determination of interest rates on loans. However, loans initiated at different times may bear different interest rates, where, in the opinion of the Board, the difference in rates is supported by a change in market interest rates or a change in the Retirement System's current assumed rate of return. The loan interest rate shall bear a reasonable relationship to market rates for secured loans of a similar duration and shall bear a reasonable relationship to the costs to the Retirement System of administering the loan. The loan interest rate shall be calculated in a manner that will not negatively affect either the Employer's costs with respect to the Retirement System or the investment return allocated to Members.
- (f) Loan repayments shall be suspended during a period of military service, as permitted by Section 414(u)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. A Member who has an outstanding loan balance from the Retirement System who is absent from employment with the City, and who has satisfied the requirements of Section 414(u) of the Internal Revenue Code shall not be required to make loan repayments to the Retirement System during said periods of absence.

Sec. 11.5. Loan Balance

A Member's outstanding loan balance shall be considered a directed investment by the Member and interest payments shall be credited to the Member's Voluntary Employee Contribution Account (provided that the interest credited to the Member's Voluntary Employee Contribution Account shall be reduced appropriately to cover the administrative costs of the loan program and avoid negatively affecting the Employer's costs or the Retirement System's investment returns), and shall not be part of the Retirement System's net investment income or part of the Member's Voluntary Employee Contribution Account balance for the purpose of allocation of net investment income under the Retirement System.

Sec. 11.6. Default

In the event a Member defaults on a loan before the loan is repaid in full, the unpaid balance thereof will become due and payable and, to the extent that the outstanding amount is not repaid by the end of the calendar quarter which follows the calendar quarter in which the last payment was received, such amount shall be deemed to have been distributed to the Member for tax purposes, consistent with Section 72(p) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Sec. 11.7. Distribution

No distribution shall be made to a Member, former Member, Spouse or Beneficiary from the Retirement System until all outstanding loan balances and applicable accrued interest have been repaid or offset against amounts distributable to the Member from the Retirement System.

ARTICLE 12 - LIMITATION ON BENEFITS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Sec. 12.1. Compliance With Code Section 415(b) And Regulations

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Combined Plan Document, the defined benefit component of the Retirement System shall be administered in compliance with the provisions of Code Section 415(b) and regulations thereunder that are applicable to governmental plans.
- (2) The maximum annual benefit accrued by a Member during a limitation year (which shall be the Plan Year) and the maximum annual benefit payable under the Retirement System to a Member at any time within a Plan Year, when expressed as an annual benefit in the form of a straight life annuity (with no ancillary benefits), shall be equal to \$160,000 (as such amount is adjusted pursuant to Code Section 415(d) for such Plan Year).
- (3) Notwithstanding the foregoing:
 - (a) if the benefit under the Retirement System is payable in any form other than a straight life annuity, the determination as to whether the limitation described in Section 12.1(2) has been satisfied shall be made, in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, by adjusting such benefit to the Actuarially Equivalent straight life annuity beginning at the same time, in accordance with Section 12.1(8) or (9);
 - (b) if the benefit under the Retirement System commences before Age sixty-two, the determination of whether the limitation set forth in Section 12.1(2) (the "Dollar Limit") has been satisfied shall be made, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, by reducing the Dollar Limit so that the Dollar Limit (as so reduced) is equal to an annual benefit payable in the form of a straight life annuity, commencing when such benefit under the Retirement System commences, which is Actuarially Equivalent to a benefit in the amount of the Dollar Limit commencing at Age sixty-two; provided, however, if the Retirement System has an immediately commencing straight life annuity commencing both at Age sixty-two and the age of benefit commencement, then the Dollar Limit (as so reduced) shall equal the lesser of (i) the amount determined under this Section 12.1(3)(b) without regard to this proviso, or (ii) the Dollar Limit multiplied by a fraction the numerator of which is the annual amount of the immediately commencing straight life annuity under the Retirement System and the denominator of which is the annual amount of the straight life annuity under the Retirement System, commencing at Age sixty-two; and
 - (c) if the benefit under the Retirement System commences after Age sixty-five, the determination of whether the Dollar Limit has been satisfied shall be made, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, by increasing the Dollar Limit so that the Dollar Limit (as so increased) is equal to an annual benefit payable in the form of a straight life annuity, commencing when the benefit under the Retirement System commences, which is Actuarially Equivalent to a benefit in the amount of the Dollar Limit commencing at Age 65; provided, however, if the Retirement System has an immediately commencing straight life annuity commencing both at Age sixty-five and the Age of benefit commencement, the Dollar Limit (as so increased) shall equal the lesser of (i) the amount determined under this Section 12.1(3)(c) without regard to this proviso, or (ii) the Dollar Limit multiplied by a fraction the numerator of which is the annual amount of the immediately commencing straight life annuity under the Retirement System and the denominator of which is the annual amount of the immediately

commencing straight life annuity under the Retirement System, commencing at Age sixty-five.

- (4) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 12.1, except as provided in Section 12.1(5), the maximum annual benefit specified in Section 12.1(2) above shall not apply to a particular Retirement System benefit if (a) the annual amount of such Retirement System benefit, together with the aggregate annual amount of any other pensions payable with respect to such Member under all other defined benefit plans maintained by the Employer, does not exceed \$10,000 for the Plan Year or any prior Plan Year and (b) the Member was not at any time a participant in a defined contribution plan maintained by the Employer.
- (5) In the case of a Member who has less than ten years of participation in the Retirement System, the limitation set forth in Section 12.1(2) shall be such limitation (without regard to this Section 12.1(5)), multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of years of participation in the Retirement System (or parts thereof) credited to the Member and the denominator of which is ten. In the case of a Member who has less than ten years of Vesting Service, the limitations set forth in Paragraph (b) of Section 12.1(2) and in Section 12.1(4) shall be such limitations (determined without regard to this Section 12.1(5)) multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of years of Vesting Service, or parts thereof, credited to the Member and the denominator of which is ten.
- (6) Notwithstanding anything in this Section 12.1 to the contrary, if the annual benefit of a Member who has terminated employment with the Employer is limited pursuant to the limitations set forth in Section 12.1(2), such annual benefit shall be increased in accordance with the cost-of-living adjustments of Code Section 415(d).
- (7) For purposes of determining actuarial equivalence under Paragraph (b) or (c) of Section 12.1(3), the interest rate assumption shall be five percent (5%) and the mortality table used shall be the applicable mortality table specified by the Board.
- (8) The actuarially equivalent straight life annuity for purposes of adjusting any benefit payable in a form to which Code Section 417(e)(3) does not apply, as required by Paragraph (a) of Section 12.1(3), is equal to the greater of (a) the annual amount of the straight life annuity payable under the Retirement System commencing at the same annuity starting date as the form of benefit payable to the Member, or (b) the annual amount of the straight life annuity commencing at the same annuity starting date that has the same actuarial present value as the form of benefit payable to the Member, computed using the interest rate and mortality assumptions set forth in Section 12.1(7).
- (9) The actuarially equivalent straight life annuity for purposes of adjusting any benefit payable in a form to which Code Section 417(e)(3) applies, as required by Paragraph (a) of Section 12.1(3), is equal to the greatest of (a) the annual amount of the straight life annuity commencing at the same annuity starting date that has the same Actuarial Equivalent present value as the form of benefit payable to the Member, (b) the annual amount of the straight life annuity commencing at the same annuity starting date that has the same actuarial present value as the form of benefit payable to the Member, computed using a five and one-half percent (5.5%) interest rate assumption and the applicable mortality table specified by the Board, or (c) the annual amount of the straight life annuity commencing at the same annuity starting date that has the same actuarial present value as the form of benefit payable to the Member, computed using the applicable interest rate and the applicable mortality table, both as specified by the Board, divided by 1.05.

- (10) For purposes of applying the limitations set forth in this Section 12.1, all qualified defined benefit plans (whether or not terminated) ever maintained by the Employer shall be treated as one defined benefit plan.
- (11) For purposes of this Section 12.1, the term “compensation” shall include those items of remuneration specified in Treasury Regulation § 1.415(c)-2(b) and shall exclude those items of remuneration specified in Treasury Regulation § 1.415(c)-2(c), taking into account the timing rules specified in Treasury Regulation § 1.415(c)-2(e), but shall not include any amount in excess of the limitation under Code Section 401(a)(17) in effect for the year. The term “compensation” as defined in the preceding sentence shall include any payments made to a Member by the later of (a) two and one-half months after the date of the Member’s severance from employment with the Employer or (b) the end of the limitation year that includes the date of the Member’s severance from employment with the Employer, provided that, absent a severance from employment, such payments would have been paid to the Member while the Member continued in employment with the Employer and are regular compensation for services performed during the Member’s regular working hours, compensation for services outside the Member’s regular working hours (such as overtime or shift differential pay), commissions, bonuses or other similar compensation.
- (12) This Section 12.1 shall be administered in conformity with the regulations issued by the Secretary of the Treasury interpreting Code Section 415 including, but not limited to, any regulation providing for the “grandfathering” of any benefit accrued prior to the effective date of such regulations or statutory provision.

Sec. 12.2. Compliance with Code Section 415(c) and Regulations

- (1) The “annual addition” with respect to a Member for a limitation year shall in no event exceed the lesser of:
 - (a) \$40,000 (adjusted as provided in Code Section 415(d)); or
 - (b) One hundred percent (100%) of the Member’s compensation, as defined in Code Section 415(c)(3) and regulations issued thereunder, for the limitation year.
- (2) The “annual addition” with respect to a Member for a limitation year means the sum of his Voluntary Employee Contributions
- (3) to the Retirement System, and the employer contributions, employee contributions and forfeitures allocated to his accounts under any other qualified defined contribution plan (whether or not terminated) maintained by the Employer, and the amounts described in Code Sections 415(l)(2) and 419A(d)(2) allocated to his account.
- (4) In the event the “annual addition” to the Retirement System on behalf of a Member would otherwise exceed the amount that may be applied for his benefit under the limitation contained in this Section 12.2, the limitation shall be satisfied by reducing the Member’s Voluntary Employee Contributions to the extent necessary and distributing such amounts to the Member.

ARTICLE 13 - RETIREMENT SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 13.1. Board of Trustees as Retirement System Administrator

- (1) The Retirement Board shall have the power and authority to manage and administer the Retirement System in accordance with the provisions of the Combined Plan Document.
- (2) The Retirement Board shall provide procedures for the processing and review of benefit claims, corrections of errors, and similar matters, as further described in Section 13.2.
- (3) The Retirement Board and the Retirement System shall not make any payment to active or retired Members or Beneficiaries other than payments that are required by the Retirement System as established by this Combined Plan Document. This prohibition applies to all payments that are not authorized by this Combined Plan Document, whether such payments are those commonly referred to as a "thirteenth check" or payments by any other name.

Sec. 13.2. Powers and Duties of Board

- (1) The Board shall have the following powers and duties:
 - (a) exclusive authority regarding the administration, management and operation of the Retirement System, including, but not limited to, the right to contract for office space, computer hardware and software, and human resource services (any or all of which may be obtained from the City), and to make rules and regulations with respect to the operation of the Retirement System not inconsistent with the terms of the Combined Plan Document and applicable law, and to amend or rescind such rules and regulations;
 - (b) to determine questions of law or fact that may arise as to the rights of any person claiming rights under the Retirement System;
 - (c) to determine the contributions to the Retirement System required of the Employer and Members pursuant to the documents governing operation of the Retirement System, including the Plan of Adjustment;
 - (d) to construe and interpret the provisions of the Retirement System and to reconcile any inconsistencies;
 - (e) to perform ministerial functions, whether or not expressly authorized, which the Board may deem necessary or desirable in carrying out its duties under the Retirement System;
 - (f) except to the extent authority is vested in the Investment Committee, authority to employ, contract and pay for professional services including, but not limited to, actuarial, investment, legal, accounting, medical, and any other services that the Board considers necessary for the proper operation of the Retirement System;
 - (g) except to the extent authority or responsibility is vested in the Investment Committee, to arrange for annual audits of the records and accounts of the Retirement System by a certified public accountant or by a firm of certified public accountants pursuant to generally accepted auditing standards;

- (h) to prepare an annual report for the Retirement System for each fiscal year in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles. The report shall contain information regarding the financial, actuarial, and other activities of the Retirement System during the fiscal year. The Board shall furnish a copy of the annual report to the Mayor and finance director of the City, to the chair of the City Council and to the Investment Committee. The report shall also contain a review of the latest actuarial valuation of the Retirement System;
- (i) to maintain or cause to be maintained such separate funds and accounts as are required to be maintained under the provisions of Components I and II of the Combined Plan Document and such additional accounts as the Board deems necessary or expedient for the proper administration of the Retirement System and the administration and investment of the assets of the Retirement System. The Board shall maintain suitable records, data and information in connection with the performance of its functions, including, but not limited to, accurate and detailed accounts of all investments, receipts, disbursements, and other actions, including the proportionate interest therein and accumulated contributions of each Member who has made contributions to the Retirement System;
- (j) to correct any error in the records of the Retirement System that results in overpayment or underpayment of contributions to the Retirement System by the Employer or a Member, or overpayment or underpayment of benefits to a Member, former Member, or Beneficiary by the Retirement System. In the event of overpayment to a Member, former Member or Beneficiary, the Board may, as far as practicable, adjust future payments to such individual, in such a manner that the Actuarial Equivalent of the benefit to which such individual was entitled shall be paid;
- (k) to the extent permissible under Michigan law (and consistent with the Retirement System's favorable tax qualified status under Code Section 401(a)), purchase one or more insurance policies to indemnify any person and such person's heirs and legal representatives who is made a party to (or threatened to be made a party to) any action, suit or proceeding whether brought by or in the right of the Board, the Investment Committee or the Retirement System or otherwise, by reason of the fact that such person is or was a Board member, Investment Committee member, director, officer, employee or agent of the Board (or an advisory body or committee of the Board) or the Retirement System. The insurance policies purchased by the Board shall not indemnify any person who is judicially determined to have incurred liability due to fraud, gross negligence or malfeasance in the performance of his duties; and
- (l) except to the extent authority or responsibility is vested in the Investment Committee, to perform any other function that is required for the proper administration of the Retirement System.

Sec. 13.3. Executive Director; Employees

The Board shall employ on behalf of the Retirement System an executive director and any other employees for which the Board establishes positions. The executive director shall do all of the following:

- (a) manage and administer the Retirement System under the supervision and direction of the Board;

- (b) annually prepare and submit to the Board for review, amendment, and adoption an itemized budget projecting the amount required to pay the Retirement System's expenses for the following fiscal year; and
- (c) perform such other duties as the Board shall delegate to the executive director.

The executive director, unless such power is retained by the Board, shall determine the compensation of all employees of the Retirement System (except the executive director, whose compensation shall be determined by the Board; and the chief investment officer, whose compensation shall be determined by the Investment Committee) and such compensation shall be payable from the Retirement System. Any person employed by the Retirement System may, but need not, be an employee of the City.

Sec. 13.4. Discretionary Authority

The Board shall have discretion to:

- (a) interpret the provisions of the Retirement System;
- (b) make factual findings with respect to any and all issues arising under the Retirement System;
- (c) determine the rights and status of Members, Retirees, Beneficiaries and other persons under the Retirement System;
- (d) decide benefit disputes arising under the Retirement System; and
- (e) make determinations and findings (including factual findings) with respect to the benefits payable hereunder and the persons entitled thereto as may be required for the purposes of the Retirement System.

Sec. 13.5. Administrator's Decision Binding

The Board's decision on any matter arising in connection with administration and interpretation of the Retirement System shall be final and binding on Members, Retirees and Beneficiaries.

ARTICLE 14 – MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS

Sec. 14.1. Board as Trustee of Retirement System Assets

The Board of Trustees shall be the trustee of the funds held under the Retirement System, shall receive and accept all sums of money and other property paid or transferred to it by or at the direction of the City and, subject to the terms of Article 15, shall have the power to hold, invest, reinvest, manage, administer and distribute such money and other property subject to all terms, conditions, limitations, and restrictions imposed on the investment of assets of public employee retirement systems or plans by *Act No. 314 of the Public Acts of 1965, being sections 38.1132 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws*, as amended.

Sec. 14.2. Maintenance of Segregated Funds

The Board of Trustees shall maintain separate funds as required for the proper administration of the Retirement System and shall not commingle the assets held under the Retirement System for the purpose of funding benefits accrued by Members prior to July 1, 2014, together with earnings and losses on such assets (or replacement assets), as more fully described in Component II of this Combined Plan Document, with the assets of the Retirement System held for the purpose of paying benefits accrued by Members on and after July 1, 2014 as described in this Component I of the Combined Plan Document. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the assets held under Components I and II of this Combined Plan Document may be commingled for investment purposes.

Sec. 14.3. Custodian of Funds

The Board of Trustees shall appoint or employ custodians of the assets of the Retirement System. The custodians shall perform all duties necessary and incidental to the custodial responsibility and shall make disbursements as authorized by the Board.

Sec. 14.4. Exclusive Purpose

All money and other assets of the Retirement System shall be held by the Trustees and invested for the sole purpose of paying benefits to Members and Beneficiaries and shall be used for no other purpose. In exercising its discretionary authority with respect to the management of the money and other assets of the Retirement System, the Trustees shall exercise the care, skill, prudence and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing, that a person acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters, would use in the conduct of an enterprise of like character with like aims.

Sec. 14.5. Prohibited Conduct

Members of the Board and employees of the Retirement System are prohibited from:

- (1) Having any beneficial interest, direct or indirect, in any investment of the Retirement System;
- (2) Being an obligor or providing surety for any money loaned to or borrowed from the Retirement System;
- (3) Except as provided in Article 10, borrowing any money or other assets of the Retirement System; and

- (4) Receiving any pay or other compensation from any person, other than compensation paid by the Retirement System, with respect to investments of the Retirement System.

ARTICLE 15 – INVESTMENT OF RETIREMENT SYSTEM ASSETS

Sec. 15.1. Investment Powers of the Board and the Investment Committee

Subject to the requirements set forth in this Article 15, the Board shall have the power and authority to manage, control, invest and reinvest money and other assets of the Retirement System subject to all terms, conditions, limitations, and restrictions imposed on the investment of assets of public employee retirement systems or plans by *Act No. 314 of the Public Acts of 1965*, being sections 38.1132 *et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws*, as amended. Notwithstanding anything in this Combined Plan Document to the contrary, for the twenty year period following the effective date of the Plan of Adjustment, the Investment Committee shall make recommendations to the Board with respect to investment management matters as provided in this Article 15.

All investment management decisions made by the Board, as more fully described in Section 15.2, shall require a recommendation by an affirmative vote of the Investment Committee as provided in this Combined Plan Document. The Board shall take no action with respect to any matter for which the Investment Committee has advisory responsibility and authority, unless and until such action has been approved by affirmative vote of the Investment Committee. All actions and recommendations of the Investment Committee shall be forwarded to the Board for consideration and are subject to Board approval. If the Board (a) fails to approve or disapprove an Investment Management decision that has been recommended by an affirmative vote of the Investment Committee, and such failure continues for forty-five days after the date that the recommendation was made to the Board, or (b) the Board disapproves an Investment Management decision within such forty-five day period but fails to provide to the Investment Committee within such forty-five day period a detailed written response outlining the reasons for such disapproval, then the Investment Committee and the Chief Investment Officer are authorized to implement the decision.

If the Board disapproves an Investment Committee recommendation within such forty-five day period and provides to the Investment Committee within such forty-five day period a detailed written response outlining the reasons for such disapproval, then the Investment Committee shall have forty-five days after the receipt of the Board response to either (a) withdraw the recommended Investment Management decision, or (b) request, in writing, a conference with the Board to be held within ten days, but not sooner than five business days, of the request to discuss the alternative proposal from the Board, unless a later date is agreed to in writing by the Board and the Investment Committee to discuss the disapproval as set forth in the Board's written response. Any such conference shall be conducted with at least three independent Investment Committee members present in person or by phone. Within ten days of the commencement of the conference or twenty days following the Investment Committee's request for a conference if no conference is held, the Investment Committee shall either withdraw the recommended Investment Management decision or provide the Board with a written explanation of the Investment Committee's decision to proceed with the recommended Investment Management decision. After delivery of such written explanation by the Investment Committee, the Investment Committee and the chief investment officer are authorized to implement the decision. Any action taken by the Board or the Investment Committee in violation of the terms of this Article 15 shall constitute an ultra vires act and the Investment Committee or the Board is granted the express right to seek to preliminarily enjoin such violation without the need to show irreparable harm.

Sec. 15.2. Investment Management

- (1) For purposes of this Combined Plan, investment management decisions shall include:

- (a) development of an investment policy statement with sound and consistent investment goals, objectives, asset allocation and rebalancing guidelines, performance benchmarks for strategic asset allocation and such other aspects of investment policy as are consistent with the needs of the Retirement System;
- (b) within 120 days after the effective date of the Plan of Adjustment, placement of all of the assets of the Retirement System not already under qualified management with qualified investment managers selected by the Investment Committee;
- (c) evaluation, retention, termination and selection of qualified managers to invest and manage the Retirement System's assets;
- (d) review and affirmation or rejection of the correctness of any and all calculations, actuarial assumptions and/or assessments used by the Retirement System actuary including, but not limited to (i) those underlying the restoration of pension benefits, funding levels and amortization thereof, all in accordance with the pension restoration program attached to the Plan of Adjustment (as more fully described in Component II of this Combined Plan Document), (ii) those underlying the determination of annual funding levels and amortization thereof, and (iii) on or after fiscal year 2024, the recommended annual contributions to the Retirement System in accordance with applicable law;
- (e) in accordance with approved actuarial work as provided in paragraph (d) above and based on the annual actuarial valuation reports and any other projections or reports as applicable from the Retirement System's actuary or other professional advisors, the determination of the extent of restoration of pension benefits, including but not limited to the payment of a portion of the reduction in base monthly pension amounts and the payment of lost COLA payments, all in conformance with the pension restoration program attached to the Plan of Adjustment;
- (f) communication of the Retirement System's investment goals, objectives, and standards to the investment managers, including any material changes that may subsequently occur;
- (g) determination and approval of the Retirement System's investment and asset allocation guidelines, taking into account the appropriate liquidity needs of the Retirement System;
- (h) periodic review and evaluation of the performance of the investment managers in context with established standards of performance, including restoration of benefits pursuant to Component II of the Retirement System;
- (i) the taking of corrective action deemed prudent and appropriate when an investment manager fails to perform as expected;
- (j) interpretation of Retirement System governing documents, existing law, the Plan of Adjustment and other financial information that could affect funding or benefit levels;
- (k) review and approval, prior to final issuance, of the annual audit and all financial reports prepared on behalf of the Retirement System and meet and confer with the Retirement System's auditor or other professional advisors as necessary prior to approval of the annual audit or other financial reports;

- (l) determination of the funding status of the Retirement System and any remedial action to be taken pursuant to Section 9.5; and
- (m) causing an asset/liability valuation study to be performed for the Retirement System every three years or, more often, as deemed necessary or prudent by the Investment Committee or as requested by the Board.

All actions of the Investment Committee shall comply with the provisions of pertinent federal, state, and local laws and regulations, specifically *Public Act 314* and *Plan Investment Guidelines*.

Sec. 15.3. Best Practices

Prior to adopting an investment policy and asset allocation policy, selecting investment managers or adopting investment return assumptions, the Investment Committee shall give appropriate consideration to the following:

- (a) the fiduciary best practices and institutional standards for the investment of public employee retirement system plan assets;
- (b) the objective to obtain investment returns above the established actuarial investment return assumption to support the restoration of benefits under the Plan of Adjustment, to the extent that it is prudent and consistent with the overall funding, liquidity needs and actuarial assumptions governing the Retirement System; and
- (c) the liquidity needs of the Retirement System.

Sec. 15.4. Chief Investment Officer

The Investment Committee shall have the exclusive power to select, retain and terminate the services of a chief investment officer for the Retirement System. The Investment Committee shall determine any and all compensation and other terms of employment of any chief investment officer hired by it. The chief investment officer shall report directly to the Investment Committee and the Executive Director of the Board. The chief investment officer shall be responsible for assisting the Investment Committee and the Board with respect to oversight of the Retirement System's investment portfolio. The chief investment officer shall provide such periodic reports relating to the Retirement System's assets to the Investment Committee and the Board as it or they shall request.

Sec. 15.5. Investment Consultants

The Board and/or Investment Committee may retain the services of one or more investment consultants who shall be responsible for assisting the Investment Committee and the Board with oversight of the Retirement System's investment portfolio. Any such investment consultant shall be a registered advisor with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and shall be a nationally recognized institutional investment consultant with expertise in the investment of public pension plan assets. Any such investment consultant shall acknowledge in writing its role as investment fiduciary with respect to the Retirement System as defined in the *Public Employee Retirement System Investment Act*, as amended, MCL 38.1132 *et seq.* The Board or the Investment Committee, as appropriate, shall determine the compensation and other terms of employment of any investment consultant hired by it. The duties of an investment consultant may include, but shall not be limited to:

- (a) providing an asset/liability valuation study for the Retirement System;

- (b) reviewing the Retirement System's asset allocation based on current market assumptions;
- (c) identifying and recommending to the Investment Committee and the Board appropriate investment strategies based on the financial condition of the Retirement System;
- (d) implementing the approved investment strategies, such as recommending to the Investment Committee, for Board approval, an asset allocation strategy, building an investment structure for the Retirement System, and identifying qualified investment managers (through an organized search process) to execute and implement investment strategies;
- (e) monitoring and evaluating the ongoing progress of the investment managers toward stated investment goals and objectives;
- (f) recommending to the Investment Committee and the Board any necessary corrective actions, including adjustments to the investment structure or investment management organizations in the event of a deviation from expectations;
- (g) communicating the investment policies of the Retirement System to the investment managers;
- (h) reviewing the investment policies with the appropriate employees of the Retirement System;
- (i) aiding the Investment Committee in providing recommendations on issues relating to rebalancing and cash flow management, securities lending, transition management, cash equalization and other investment related topics;
- (j) attending Investment Committee and Board meetings in person, or telephonically, as needed or as requested;
- (k) meeting with the Investment Committee to provide detailed quarterly performance reports and executive summaries of performance;
- (l) meeting with the Investment Committee and the Board to review capital markets and inform the Board and Retirement System employees on the current investment environment; and
- (m) meeting with the Investment Committee and the Board to provide recommendations on asset allocation, investment structure, and manager selections.

ARTICLE 16 – MISCELLANEOUS

Sec. 16.1. Nonduplication of Benefits

If any Member is a participant in another defined benefit pension plan, retirement system or annuity plan sponsored by the City (including Component II of this Retirement System) and the Member is or becomes entitled to accrue pension benefits under such plan or retirement system (including Component II of this Retirement System) with respect to any period of service for which he is entitled to accrue a benefit under Component I of this Retirement System, such Member shall not be eligible to accrue or receive payment of a benefit under Component I with respect to such period of service.

Sec. 16.2. Assignments Prohibited

The right of a person to a pension, annuity, the return of Accumulated Voluntary Employee Contributions and/or the return of Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contributions, the Retirement Allowance itself, to any optional form of payment, to any other right accrued or accruing to any person under the provisions of this Retirement System, and the monies in the various funds of the Retirement System shall not be assignable and shall not be subject to execution, garnishment, attachment, the operation of bankruptcy or insolvency law, or any other process of law whatsoever, except as specifically provided in this Combined Plan Document or by an eligible domestic relations order of a lawful court.

Sec. 16.3. Protection Against Fraud

A person who, with intent to deceive, makes any statements or reports required under this Retirement System that are untrue, or who falsifies or permits to be falsified any record or records of this Retirement System, or who otherwise violates, with intent to deceive, any terms or provisions of the Retirement System, shall be subject to prosecution under applicable law.

Sec. 16.4. Amendment; Termination; Exclusive Benefit

The City reserves the right to amend the Combined Plan Document created hereunder at any time; such amendments may include termination of the Retirement System; provided, however, that following the effective date of the Plan of Adjustment, no amendment other than amendments required to comply with applicable federal law or the Plan of Adjustment may be made effective prior to July 1, 2023, nor may any amendment or termination deprive any Member, former Member or Beneficiary of any then vested benefit under the Retirement System, except as provided in a Plan of Adjustment. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the City and the Board have the authority to amend the Combined Plan Document as necessary to retain the tax qualified status of the Retirement System under the Internal Revenue Code. The City shall make no amendment or amendments to the Retirement System which causes any part of the assets of the Retirement System to be used for, or diverted to, any purpose other than the exclusive benefit of Members, former Members or their Beneficiaries; provided, that the City may make any amendment necessary, with or without retroactive effect, to comply with applicable federal law. Any amendment of the Retirement System by the City must be approved by the Council or person standing in the stead of the Council.

Upon termination of the Retirement System or upon complete discontinuance of contributions to the Retirement System, the rights of all Members to benefits accrued to the date of such termination or discontinuance, to the extent then funded, shall be nonforfeitable.

Sec. 16.5. Forfeitures Not to Increase Benefits

Any forfeitures arising under the Retirement System due to a Member's termination of employment or death, or for any other reason, shall be used to pay expenses of the Retirement System and shall not be applied to increase the benefits any Member would otherwise receive under the Retirement System at any time prior to termination of the Retirement System.

Sec. 16.6. Required Distributions - Compliance with Code Section 401(a)(9) and Regulations

The Retirement System will apply the minimum distribution requirements of Code Section 401(a)(9) in accordance with the final regulations issued thereunder, notwithstanding any provision in the Combined Plan Document to the contrary. Pursuant to Code Section 401(a)(9)(A)(ii), a Member's interest must begin to be distributed by the later of (i) the April 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year that he attains the Age of seventy and one-half (70-1/2), or (ii) April 1 of the calendar year following the year in which he retires. Distributions will be made in accordance with Regulations Sections 1.401(a)(9)-2 through 1.401(a)(9)-9. The provisions of this Section 16.6 and the regulations cited herein and incorporated by reference override any inconsistent plan distribution options.

Sec. 16.7. Direct Rollovers

- (1) For purposes of compliance with Code Section 401(a)(31), a distributee may elect, at the time and in the manner prescribed by the board, to have any portion of an eligible rollover distribution paid directly to an eligible retirement plan specified by the distributee in a direct rollover.
- (2) For purposes of this Section 16.7, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
 - (a) "Direct rollover" means a payment by the retirement system to an eligible retirement plan specified by a distributee.
 - (b) "Distributee" means a Member or former Member. It also includes the Member's or former Member's surviving spouse, a spouse or former spouse who is the alternate payee under an eligible domestic relations order, or a nonspouse beneficiary who is a designated beneficiary as defined by Code Section 401(a)(9)(E). However, a nonspouse beneficiary may only make a direct rollover to an individual retirement account or individual retirement annuity established for the purpose of receiving the distribution, and the account or annuity will be treated as an "inherited" individual retirement account or annuity.
 - (c) "Eligible retirement plan" means any of the following that accepts a distributee's eligible rollover distribution:
 - (i) a qualified trust described in Code Section 401(a);
 - (ii) an annuity plan described in Code Section 403(a);
 - (iii) an annuity contract described in Code Section 403(b);
 - (iv) an individual retirement account described in Code Section 408(a);
 - (v) an individual retirement annuity described in Code Section 408(b);

- (vi) a Roth IRA described in Code Section 408A; or
 - (vii) a plan eligible under Code Section 457(b) that is maintained by a state, political subdivision of a state, or any agency or instrumentality of a state or a political subdivision of a state that agrees to separately account for amounts transferred into that plan from the retirement system.
- (d) “Eligible rollover distribution” means any distribution of all or any portion of the balance to the credit of a distributee under the retirement system, except that an eligible rollover distribution does not include: any distribution that is one of a series of substantially equal periodic payments (not less frequently than annually) made for the life (or the life expectancy) of the distributee or the joint lives (or joint life expectancies) of the distributee and the distributee’s designated beneficiary, or for a specified period of ten years or more; any distribution to the extent such distribution is required under Code Section 401(a)(9); the portion of any distribution that is not includible in gross income; and any other distribution which the Internal Revenue Service does not consider eligible for rollover treatment, such as any distribution that is reasonably expected to total less than \$200 during the year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a portion of a distribution will not fail to be an “eligible rollover distribution” merely because the portion consists of after-tax contributions that are not includible in Member’s gross income upon distribution from the retirement system. However, such portion may be transferred only (i) to an individual retirement account or annuity described in Code Section 408(a) or (b) or to a qualified defined contribution plan described in Code Section 401(a) that agrees to separately account for amounts so transferred (and earnings thereon), including separately accounting for the portion of the distribution that is includible in gross income and the portion of the distribution that is not so includible; (ii) to a qualified defined benefit plan described in Code Section 401(a) or to an annuity contract described in Code Section 403(b) that agrees to separately account for amounts so transferred (and earnings thereon), including separately accounting for the portion of the distribution that is includible in gross income and the portion of the distribution that is not so includible; or (iii) to a Roth IRA described in Code Section 408A.

Sec. 16.8. Construction

Words in the singular should be read and construed as though used in the plural, and words in the plural should be read and construed as though used in the singular, where appropriate. The words “hereof”, “herein”, and “hereunder” and other similar compounds of the word “here”, shall mean and refer to Component I of this Combined Plan Document and not to any particular provision or section thereof. The table of contents, article and section headings are included for convenience of reference, and are not intended to add to, or subtract from, the terms of the Combined Plan Document or the Retirement System created hereunder.

Sec. 16.9. Severability

If any section or part of a section of this Combined Plan Document or provision relating to the Retirement System is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of the remaining sections of the Combined Plan Document or Retirement System or of the Combined Plan Document or Retirement System in its entirety.

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PRINCIPAL TERMS OF NEW GRS ACTIVE PENSION PLAN

NEW GRS ACTIVE PENSION PLAN -- MATERIAL TERMS

1. Benefit Formula: FAC (average base compensation over last 10 consecutive years of employment) \times Years of Service \times 1.5%. If an employee had leave of not less than 2 months without pay under the Family and Medical Leave Act in the last 2 years of employment, such employee's FAC will be determined using the highest 10 consecutive years of base compensation over the last 12 consecutive years of employment. Average base compensation means no overtime, no unused sick leave, no longevity or any other form of bonus.
2. Actual time for accrual is actual time served. For vesting and eligibility, 1,000 hours for a year of service.
3. Normal Retirement Age – age 62 with a transition period for active employees as of June 30, 2014 as follows:

Age as of July 1, 2014

Normal Retirement Age

61 years	60 years
60 years	60 years
59 years	60.3 years
58 years	60.6 years
57 years	60.9 years
56 years	61.0 years
55 years	61.3 years
54 years	61.6 years
53 years	61.9 years
52 years	62 years

4. 10 Years of Service for vesting.
5. Early retirement -- Eligible at 55 & 30 years of service, with true actuarial reduction. No pension payments allowed below age 55; terminated employees must wait until 62.
6. Deferred Vested -- 10 Years payable at 62.
7. Disability -- to be provided by commercial insurance until normal retirement age. In applying the formula for an age 62 pension, a disabled employee will be credited with service for the period of long-term disability leave.
8. Annuity Savings Fund - voluntary Annuity Savings Fund contributions equal to 3%, 5% or 7% of after-tax pay. Interest will be credited at the actual net investment rate of return for GRS, but will in no event be lower than 0% or higher than 5.25%. No in-service withdrawals permitted.

9. Investment Return/Discount Rate – 6.75%
10. COLA - Variable COLA benefit payable after the hybrid plan has been in effect for 4 full plan years, provided that the funding level is above 100%. A simple 2% COLA on hybrid benefit. Retirees become eligible for a COLA only for plan years after the retiree reaches age 62 and has been retired for a minimum of 12 months.
11. Contributions - Employer contribution of 5% of the base compensation of eligible employees. A portion of such contribution is used to fund normal cost and a portion is credited to a rate stabilization fund. Employees contribute 4% of base compensation toward normal cost.
12. If the funding level is below 100% (based on 3 year look back of smoothed returns), the plan's risk-shifting levers listed below will be applied in the listed order, until the actuary can state that by virtue of the use of levers, and a 6.75% discount rate and return assumption, the funding level is projected to be 100% on a market value basis within the next 5 years.
 - (a) No COLAs will be paid;
 - (b) Amounts credited to the rate stabilization fund will be used to fund accrued benefits; and
 - (c) Employee contributions to the hybrid will increase by 1% to 5% of base compensation for up to a 5 year period.

If the funding level is below 80% (without taking into account the use of rate stabilization funds and the 1% increase in employee contributions):

- (d) The steps taken in (a), (b) and (c) above will be continued;
- (e) The most recently awarded COLA is rescinded (i.e., Members' future benefit payments will be not include that COLA);
- (f) Employee contributions to the hybrid will increase to 6% of base compensation for up to a 5 year period;
- (g) The second most recently awarded COLA is rescinded; and
- (h) The benefit accrual rate is decreased from 1.5% to 1% for up to 5 years.

EXHIBIT I.A.248.a

FORM OF NEW PFRS ACTIVE PENSION PLAN

**COMBINED PLAN
FOR THE
POLICE AND FIRE
RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF
THE CITY OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

Effective July 1, 2014

COMPONENT I

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ARTICLE 1 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 1.1. Police and Fire Retirement System Established; Adoption of 2014 Plan Document

Effective July 1, 1941, a Pension System for Policemen and Firemen of the City of Detroit was established for the purpose of providing retirement allowances and death benefits for Policemen and Firemen and their beneficiaries by amendment to the Charter of the City of Detroit. That Pension System was amended on numerous occasions after July 1, 1941, including an amendment renaming the Retirement System as the “Police and Fire Retirement System of the City of Detroit.” The provisions of the Police and Fire Retirement System of the City of Detroit, as in effect July 1, 2014, are set forth in this Plan Document. Component I of the Plan Document applies to benefits accrued by Members on and after July 1, 2014 and to operation of the Police and Fire Retirement System of the City of Detroit on and after July 1, 2014. Component II of the Plan Document generally applies to benefits accrued by Members prior to July 1, 2014. Except as specifically provided in Component II, benefits provided under Component II of the Plan Document are frozen effective June 30, 2014.

This Combined Plan Document shall replace the provisions of the Police and Fire Retirement System of the City of Detroit as set forth in the City of Detroit Charter, the Detroit City Code and any conflicting provisions in any collective bargaining agreements, rulings or opinions covering Members (including, without limitation, City Employment Terms). All resolutions and policies of the Retirement Board previously enacted which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Plan Document are also hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Sec. 1.2. Retirement System Intended to be Tax-Qualified; Governmental Plan

The Retirement System is a governmental plan under Section 414(d) of the Internal Revenue Code which is intended to be a qualified plan and trust pursuant to applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. The Board shall construe and administer the provisions of the Retirement System in a manner that gives effect to the tax-qualified status of the Retirement System.

Sec. 1.3. Board of Trustees

Effective July 1, 1941, a Board of Trustees of the Police and Fire Retirement System of the City of Detroit was created. The Board is vested with responsibility for the general administration, management and operation of the Police and Fire Retirement System of the City of Detroit and with the trust and investment powers conferred in this Combined Plan Document.

Sec. 1.4. Board of Trustees – Membership; Appointment

The Board of Trustees of the Police and Fire Retirement System of the City of Detroit shall consist of seventeen Trustees, as follows:

- (1) The Mayor, *ex-officio*, or the Mayor’s designee;
- (2) The President of City Council or a member thereof elected by Council, *ex-officio*;
- (3) The City Treasurer or Deputy City Treasurer, *ex-officio*;
- (4) The City Finance Director, or a designated representative, *ex-officio*;
- (5) The City Budget Director, or a designated representative, *ex-officio*;

- (6) The Corporation Counsel of the City, or a designated representative, *ex-officio*;
- (7) Three Fire Members of the Retirement System to be elected by the Fire Members under such rules and regulations as may be established by the Board of Fire Commissioners to govern such elections, as follows:
 - (a) Two to be elected by and from Members holding the rank of lieutenant (or its equivalent) and lower ranks; and
 - (b) One to be elected by and from Members holding ranks above the rank of lieutenant (or its equivalent);
- (8) Three Police Members of the Retirement System to be elected by the Police Members under the rules and regulations as may be established by the Commissioner of Police to govern such elections, as follows:
 - (a) Two to be elected by and from Members holding the rank of lieutenant (or its equivalent) and lower ranks; and
 - (b) One to be elected by and from Members holding a rank above lieutenant (or its equivalent); and
- (9) One individual who neither is a Member of the Retirement System nor an employee of the City in any capacity to be selected by the Board;
- (10) Two retirees receiving benefits under the Retirement System, one of whom shall be elected by Retired Police Members and one of whom will be elected by Retired Fire Members pursuant to Section 1.5 below;
- (11) One Trustee appointed by the Mayor upon election of a Retiree Police Trustee; and
- (12) One Trustee appointed by the Mayor upon election of a Retiree Fire Trustee.

Sec. 1.5. Board of Trustees; Scheduling of Elections for Active and Retiree Trustees

- (1) Annual elections for active Police Officers and Firefighters shall be held in the Police and Fire Departments during the month of May to elect a trustee to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of a term.
- (2) Elections to fill vacancies created by the expiration of a term for a Retiree Trustee shall be held every three years during the month of May.
- (3) A special election for Retiree Trustees shall be held as soon as practicable after the Plan of Adjustment is confirmed. Unless a Retiree Trustee elected by reason of this special election resigns or is removed from the position of Trustee in accordance with the terms of the Combined Plan Document, a Retiree elected to the office of Trustee in the special election shall be eligible to serve a full term of three (3) years from the date of the special election, plus such period of time until the last day of June that follows the third anniversary of the special election, at which time an election for Retiree Trustees shall be held in accordance with Section 1.6.

Sec. 1.6. Procedures for election of Retiree Trustees

The procedures for the election of the Retiree Trustees shall be as follows:

- (1) *Notice.* Notice of a primary election shall be sent to each Retiree by United States Mail.
- (2) *Notice of Candidacy.* A proposed candidate shall submit a notarized letter to the executive director notifying the Retirement System of his or her candidacy.
- (3) *Ballot.* Each candidate whose name appears on the ballot at any election held for the office of Retiree Trustee shall be identified by the title of the position the Retiree held at the time of retirement and by the word “incumbent” if the candidate is a current trustee seeking re-election. No ballot shall contain any organizational or political designation or mark. Rotation and arrangement of names on the ballot shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Board.
- (4) *Voting.* Procedures regarding mailing of ballots, poll lists, custody of ballots, marking of ballots, return of ballots, poll lists, custody of ballots, marking of ballots, return of ballots, handling of return envelopes received, and sealed ballot boxes shall be the same as those adopted and followed by the Board in the immediately preceding election of an active employee Trustee.
- (5) *Procedures.* Procedures regarding the selection and certification of successful candidates for nomination, the selection of Trustees from nominees, tie votes, and the destruction of ballots shall be the same as those adopted and followed by the Board in the immediately preceding election of an active employee Trustee.
- (6) *Board Rules.* Any matters relative to the election of the Retiree member of the Board not covered by this Section 1.6 shall be handled in accordance with such rules and regulations as the Board may adopt.

Sec. 1.7. Board of Trustees; Oath; Term; Vacancies

Within ten days after appointment or election, each Trustee shall take an oath of office to be administered by the City Clerk.

The term of office for each elected Trustee under Sections 1.4(7), (8) and (10) shall be three years. The term of office for the Trustee who is selected by the Board under Section 1.4(9) shall be two years. The term of office for the Trustees appointed by the Mayor under Sections 1.4(11) and (12) shall be three years. Except as provided in Section 1.5(3), elected Trustees holding office on June 30, 2014 shall serve the remainder of their terms.

If a Trustee resigns or is removed by the other Trustees for cause, or if an elected or appointed Trustee fails to attend three consecutive scheduled Board meetings without being excused for cause by the Trustees attending such meetings, the Trustee shall be considered to have resigned from the Board. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Trustee from any cause other than expiration of a term, the vacancy for the unexpired term shall be filled within sixty days of the date of said vacancy in the same manner as the office was previously filled. No vacancy shall result by reason of a change in the rank or grade of a Trustee during the term of office.

Sec. 1.8. Board of Trustees; Officers and Employees

The Board of Trustees shall elect from its membership a chairman and a vice chairman. The executive director of the Retirement System shall serve as Secretary of the Board of Trustees. The Board may employ such special actuarial, medical and other employees as shall be required, subject to the powers and authority reserved to the Investment Committee and subject to the *Public Employee Retirement System Investment Act*, as amended, MCL 38.1132 *et seq.*

Sec. 1.9. Board of Trustees; Meetings; Rules of Procedure; Votes; Quorum

- (1) The Board shall hold regular meetings, at least one in each month, and shall designate the time and place thereof in advance. The Board shall adopt its own rules of procedure, including provisions for special meetings and notice thereof, and shall keep a record of proceedings. All meetings of the Board shall be public and are subject to the *Michigan Open Meetings Act*, MCL 15.261 *et seq.*
- (2) Each Trustee shall be entitled to one vote on each question before the Board. A majority vote of the Trustees present shall be necessary for a decision by the Trustees at any meeting of the Board.
- (3) Eight members of the Board, four of whom must be elected members, shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 1.10. Board of Trustees; Compensation; Expenses

All members of the Board of Trustees shall serve without additional compensation from the City or the Retirement System; however Retiree Trustees shall receive a hourly stipend from the Retirement System equal to the lowest rate of pay received by an active employee Trustee for attending Board meetings, educational time and travel out of the City on official business of the Retirement System. All Trustees shall be reimbursed from the Expense Fund for all actual, reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as Trustees.

Sec. 1.11. Rules for Administration of Funds.

Subject to the limitations contained in this Combined Plan document, the Board of Trustees shall, from time to time, establish rules and regulations for the administration of the funds created by this Combined Plan document and for the transaction of its business.

Sec. 1.12. Board of Trustees; Certain Data to be Kept

The Board of Trustees shall keep, or cause to be kept, in convenient form, such data as shall be necessary for the actuarial valuation of the various funds of the Retirement System and for checking and compiling the experience of the Retirement System. The ordinary actuarial, accounting and clerical services for the operation of the Retirement System shall be performed by the employees of the Retirement System.

Sec. 1.13. Board of Trustees; Annual Audit Report

The Board shall render a report to the Mayor, the City Council and the Investment Committee on or before the fifteenth day of January, showing the fiscal transactions of the Retirement System for the year ending on the preceding thirtieth day of June, the amounts of accumulated cash and securities in the various funds of the System, and the last balance sheet showing the financial condition of the Retirement System by means of an actuarial valuation of the assets and liabilities of the Retirement System.

Sec. 1.14. Board of Trustees; Legal Advisors

- (1) The Board shall appoint legal advisors (including a general counsel) who shall be directly responsible to and shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees. Any legal advisor to the Board of Trustees shall be an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Michigan and shall be experienced in matters relating to pension systems. The qualifications of legal counsel shall be approved by the Board of Trustees.
- (2) Legal advisors to the Board of Trustees shall have such duties relative to pension matters as shall be assigned by the Board of Trustees.
- (3) Costs and expenses relative to the position of legal advisors to the Board shall be payable out of the assets of the Retirement System, subject to the provisions of the *Public Employee Retirement System Investment Act*, as amended, MCL 38.1132 *et seq.*

Sec. 1.15. Designation of Actuary; Authority to Engage Additional Actuaries

The Retirement System actuary as of July 1, 2014 shall continue to serve as such until resignation or removal by the Board. In the event the Board desires to retain a new actuary, the Board and the Investment Committee shall collectively participate in the evaluation and selection of a qualified actuary. The Retirement System actuary shall be responsible for assisting the Board and the Investment Committee in performing its actuarial duties and shall comply with all requests for information or modeling requested by the Investment Committee, and shall attend meetings of the Board and Investment Committee as requested, so as to allow the Investment Committee to perform satisfactorily the rights and duties set forth in the Term Sheet and the Plan of Adjustment. Furthermore, the Board shall not act on any recommendation made by the Retirement System's actuary based on any calculation, assumption or assessment rejected by the Investment Committee.

Nothing herein shall be interpreted as limiting the Investment Committee's authority to engage an actuarial consulting firm other than the Retirement System's actuary to perform actuarial services deemed necessary to fulfill its fiduciary and other duties to the Retirement System as set forth in the Term Sheet and the Plan of Adjustment.

Sec. 1.16. Board of Trustees; Adoption of Mortality and Other Tables of Experience and Rates of Interest; Limitations on Payments by the Retirement System

- (1) Subject to Section 15.1, the Board shall adopt such mortality and other tables of experience, and a rate or rates of interest, as shall be necessary for the operation of the System on an actuarial basis, provided, that the authority granted by this section shall not permit or be used to provide for an interest rate which would violate the prohibitions of Subsection (2) or (3) of this section.
- (2) The Retirement System and the Trustees charged with management of the System shall not make any payment to active or retired Members other than payments that are required by the governing documents of the Retirement System. This prohibition applies to all payments that are not authorized by this Code, whether such payments are those commonly referred to as a "thirteenth check" or by any other name.
- (3) Anything in this Combined Plan Document or any other document to the contrary notwithstanding, the annual actuarial interest rate assumption for the period commencing July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2023 shall be six and three-quarters percent (6.75%).

Sec. 1.17. Board of Trustees; Annual Actuarial Valuation of Assets and Liabilities

Subject to Section 15.1, each year, on the basis of such mortality and other tables of experience, and such rate or rates of regular interest as the Board shall adopt pursuant to Section 1.16, the Board shall cause to be made an actuarial valuation of the assets and liabilities of the Retirement System.

Sec. 1.18. Board of Trustees; Powers and Duties; Fiduciary Status; Fiduciary Duties

The Board of Trustees shall have such powers and duties as are necessary for the proper administration of the Retirement System and the custody and investment of Retirement System assets, other than those powers and duties reserved to the Investment Committee. To the extent the Board exercises discretion with respect to investment of Retirement System assets, the Board shall be an investment fiduciary as defined in the *Public Employee Retirement System Investment Act*, as amended, MCL 38.1132 *et seq.*, and a Board member shall discharge his or her duties with respect to the Retirement System in compliance with the provisions of the *Public Employee Retirement System Investment Act*, as amended, MCL 38.1132 *et seq.* A member of the Board of Trustees shall discharge his or her duties with the care, skill and caution under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent person, acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters, would use in the conduct of an activity of like character and purpose. Board members shall comply with all Board governance policies and procedures, including the Ethics and Code of Conduct Policies, unless such compliance would violate the member's fiduciary duties or conflicts with the provisions set forth in this Combined Plan Document.

Sec. 1.19. Investment Committee; Establishment; Purpose; Fiduciary Status; Fiduciary Duties

As of the effective date the Plan of Adjustment, but subject to consummation of that certain Contribution Agreement by and between the Retirement System and the State of Michigan as provided in the Plan of Adjustment, an Investment Committee is hereby created for the purpose of making recommendations to the Board of Trustees with respect to certain investment management matters relating to the Retirement System. The creation and operation of the Investment Committee is controlled by the term sheet regarding Investment Committee Governance for General Retirement System, as attached to the Plan of Adjustment ("Term Sheet"). The Investment Committee shall remain in effect for a period of not less than twenty years following the date of confirmation of the Plan of Adjustment. The Investment Committee shall be an investment fiduciary as defined in the *Public Employee Retirement System Investment Act*, as amended, MCL 38.1132 *et seq.* and shall have all powers granted fiduciaries under the first sentence of MCL 38.1133(5) and (6). The Investment Committee shall service in a fiduciary capacity with respect to the investment management of Retirement System assets, determination of the investment return assumptions, and Board compliance with provisions of the governing documents of the Retirement System. An Investment Committee member shall discharge his or her duties with respect to the Retirement System in compliance with the provisions of the *Public Employee Retirement System Investment Act*, as amended, MCL 38.1132 *et seq.* An Investment Committee member shall discharge his or her duties with the care, skill and caution under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent person, acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters, would use in the conduct of an activity of like character and purpose. Investment Committee members shall comply with all Board governance policies and procedures, including the Ethics and Code of Conduct Policies, unless such compliance would violate the member's fiduciary duties or conflicts with the provisions set forth in the Term Sheet.

Sec. 1.20. Investment Committee; Membership; Appointment

The Investment Committee shall consist of nine (9) members, determined as follows:

- (1) Five independent members, two of whom must be residents of the State of Michigan, and none of whom may be a party in interest with respect to the Retirement System, as defined in as defined in Section 38.1132d(4) of the *Public Employee Retirement System Investment Act*, as amended, MCL 38.1132 *et seq.* Each independent Investment Committee member shall have expert knowledge or extensive experience with respect to either (a) economics, finance, or institutional investments, or (b) administration of public or private retirement plans, executive management, benefits administration or actuarial science. At least one of the independent Investment Committee members shall satisfy the requirements of (a) above and at least one of the independent Investment Committee members shall satisfy the requirements of (b) above. The initial independent Investment Committee members shall be selected by mutual agreement of the appropriate representatives of the State of Michigan, the City and the Board, in consultation with the Foundation for Detroit's Future, and shall be named in the Plan of Adjustment. If one or more of the five initial independent Investment Committee members are not selected by mutual agreement prior to confirmation of the Plan of Adjustment, then the United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Michigan shall designate such number of independent Investment Committee members as necessary to bring the number of independent Investment Committee members to five (5);
- (2) Two Retirees who shall be appointed by the Board consisting of one retired Police Member and one retired Fire Member who are serving on the Board and who are receiving benefits under the Retirement System; and
- (3) Two Employee Members who shall be appointed by the Board consisting of one elected Fire Department employee and one elected Police Department employee who are active members of the Board.

Sec. 1.21. Investment Committee; Term; Resignation and Removal; Vacancies

The term of office for the independent members of the Investment Committee shall be six years; provided, however, that the first term for the independent Investment Committee members shall be determined as follows:

<u>Independent Member</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>
(1)	2 years
(2)	3 years
(3)	4 years
(4)	5 years
(5)	6 years

The term of office for a Retiree or employee Investment Committee member shall be the number of years remaining on such individual's term of office as a member of the Board of Trustees. Each Investment Committee member shall serve until his or her successor is appointed at the expiration of his or her term of office, or until his or her death, incapacity, resignation or removal, if earlier. Notwithstanding any provision of this Combined Plan document, an initial independent Investment Committee member shall not be prohibited from becoming a successor independent Investment Committee member after expiration of his or her initial term.

An Investment Committee member may resign at any time by giving ninety days' prior written notice to the Investment Committee, the City and the Board, which notice or time period may be waived by the Investment Committee. An Investment Committee member may be removed from office by

majority vote of the other Investment Committee members for any of the following reasons: (a) the member is legally incapacitated from executing his or her duties as a member of the Investment Committee and neglects to perform those duties; (b) the member has committed a material breach of the provisions of the Retirement System or the policies or procedures of the Retirement System and the removal of the member is in the interests of the Retirement System or its Members and Beneficiaries; (c) the member is convicted of a violation of law and the removal is accomplished by a vote of the members of the Investment Committee in accordance with the voting procedure set forth in Section 1.22; or (d) if the member holds a license to practice and such license is revoked for misconduct by any State or federal government. A member who fails to attend four (4) consecutive scheduled meetings of the Investment Committee shall be deemed to have resigned, unless in each case his or her absence is excused for cause by the remaining Members attending such meetings. In the event of such removal or resignation, the Investment Committee shall by resolution declare the office of the member vacated as of the date such resolution is adopted.

An Investment Committee member may have his or her voting privileges temporarily suspended by a 70% or higher vote of the other members if the member is indicted or sued by a State or federal government for an alleged violation of the law that relates to his or her service on the Investment Committee, or for other alleged financial crimes, including fraud. Any vacancy occurring on the Investment Committee shall be filled within sixty (60) days following the date of the vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term, in the same manner in which the office was previously filled.

Successor independent Investment Committee members shall be recommended by a majority of the remaining independent Investment Committee members and shall be confirmed by the Board and the Treasurer of the State of Michigan, in consultation with the Foundation for Detroit's Future, in accordance with such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Investment Committee (provided that such rules are not inconsistent with the Term Sheet or the Plan of Adjustment). In the event the Board and the Treasurer of the State of Michigan cannot agree on the successor independent Investment Committee member within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the recommendation of the Investment Committee, the remaining independent Investment Committee members shall appoint the successor independent Investment Committee member.

In the event the United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Michigan appoints one or more independent Investment Committee members, successors to any such independent Investment Committee member shall be appointed in the same manner as provided in the preceding paragraph following three (3) weeks' notice to the Board of the individuals appointed, in accordance with such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Investment Committee provided that such rules are not inconsistent with either the Term Sheet or the Plan of Adjustment.

Successor Investment Committee members shall have the powers and duties conferred on Investment Committee members herein.

Sec. 1.22. Investment Committee; Operation; Meetings; Quorum; Voting

The Investment Committee members shall select from among the independent members a chair and a vice chair. The Investment Committee members shall select from among themselves a secretary. The Investment Committee shall hold regular meetings, not less frequently than once every other month, and shall hold special meetings as necessary. The Investment Committee shall designate the time and place thereof in advance. The secretary or his or her designee shall be responsible for providing meeting notices to the other Investment Committee members. The Investment Committee shall adopt its own rules of procedure and shall keep a record of proceedings. Notice and conduct of all Investment Committee meetings, both regular and special, shall be public and subject to the *Michigan Open Meetings Act*, MCL

15.261 *et seq.* All Investment Committee meeting shall be held within the City of Detroit.

Five Investment Committee members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting, as long as at least three of the independent Investment Committee members are in attendance. Each independent Investment Committee member shall be entitled to one vote on each question before the Investment Committee. Each Retiree and Employee member shall be entitled to one-half vote on each question before the Investment Committee. Except as otherwise provided in the Term Sheet, at least four concurring votes shall be necessary for a decision by the Investment Committee.

Sec. 1.23. Investment Committee; Expenses

Investment Committee members shall be reimbursed for the reasonable, actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. All reasonable and proper expenses related to the administration of the Investment Committee, including but not limited to the purchase of insurance, shall be payable out of the assets of the Retirement System. The Investment Committee may retain actuarial, legal counsel, audit or other professional or support personnel to provide advice to the Investment Committee as it deems reasonably necessary to perform its functions and such parties or persons may be reasonably compensated from the assets of the Retirement System. Such engagements shall not be subject to approval of the Board.

Investment Committee members shall be reimbursed for the reasonable, actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. All reasonable and proper expenses related to administration of the Investment Committee, including but not limited to the purchase of insurance, shall be payable out of the assets of the Retirement System.

ARTICLE 2 – DEFINITIONS

Sec. 2.1. Definitions

Unless a different definition is contained within this Combined Plan Document, or a different meaning is plainly required by context, for purposes of this Combined Plan Document the following words and phrases have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:

- (1) *Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contributions* means the sum of all amounts deducted from the compensation of a Member and credited to the Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contribution Fund for periods on and after July 1, 2014.
- (2) *Accumulated Voluntary Employee Contributions* means the total balance in a Member's individual account under Component I of the Retirement System.
- (3) *Actuarial Equivalent or Actuarially Equivalent* means a Retirement Allowance or benefit amount having the same Actuarial Equivalent Value as another applicable benefit. The rates of interest adopted by the Board from time to time shall not violate the terms of the Plan of Adjustment.
- (4) *Actuarial Equivalent Value* means the value of an applicable Retirement Allowance or benefit amount, where values are calculated under generally accepted actuarial methods and using the applicable tables, interest rates and other factors established by the Board upon recommendation of the Investment Committee.
- (5) *Administrative Rules and Regulations* means rules and regulations promulgated by the Board of Trustees for the administration of the Retirement System and for the transaction of its business.
- (6) *Age, Attainment of* means the age an individual reaches on the day of his or her birthday.
- (7) *Average Final Compensation* means the average Compensation received by a Member during the ten consecutive years of Credited Service (five consecutive years of Credited Service for members of the Detroit Police Command Officers Association and the Detroit Police Lieutenants and Sergeants Association) which immediately precede the date of the Member's last termination of City employment as an employee of the Police Department or the Fire Department. If a Member has less than ten years (or five years) of Credited Service, the Average Final Compensation shall be the average of the annual Compensation received by the Member during the Member's total years of Credited Service.
- (8) *Beneficiary* means any person who is entitled to receive a Retirement Allowance or pension payable from funds of the Retirement System due to the participation of a Member.
- (9) *Board of Trustees or Board or Retirement Board* means the Board of Trustees of the Police and Fire Retirement System of the City of Detroit.
- (10) *City* means the City of Detroit, Michigan, a municipal corporation.
- (11) *City Council or Council* means the legislative body of the City.
- (12) *Compensation* means a Member's base salary or wages actually paid to the Member for personal services rendered to the Employer, excluding bonuses, overtime pay, payment of unused accrued sick leave, longevity pay, payment for unused accrued vacation, the cost or value of fringe

benefits provided to the Member, termination or severance pay, reimbursement of expenses, or other extra payment of any kind. Compensation will include any amount which is contributed by the City to a plan or program pursuant to a salary reduction agreement and which is not includable in the income of the Member under Sections 125, 402(e)(3), 402(h) or 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

For periods of time prior to July 1, 2014, the City shall provide to the Retirement System actual base salary or wages paid to Members using the best and most reliable sources of information available to the City. In the event the City is unable to provide actual base wages to the Retirement System, the City shall make reasonable estimates of each Member's base salary or wages for purposes of determining a Member's Compensation.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, for purposes of determining a Member's Voluntary Employee Contributions, Compensation shall mean the gross salary or wages paid to the Member for personal services rendered to the Employer.

The annual Compensation of each Member taken into account for the purposes of determining all benefits provided under the Retirement System for any determination period shall not exceed the limitation set forth in Code Section 401(a)(17) (\$260,000 for the Plan Year commencing July 1, 2014). Such limitation shall be adjusted for the cost-of-living in accordance with Section 401(a)(17)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code. The cost-of-living adjustment in effect for a calendar year applies to any determination period beginning in such calendar year. If Compensation for any prior determination period is taken into account in determining a Member's benefits for the current determination period, the Compensation for such prior determination period is subject to the applicable annual compensation limit in effect for that determination period. If a determination period consists of fewer than 12 months, the annual compensation limit is an amount equal to the otherwise applicable annual compensation limit multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of months in the short determination period, and the denominator of which is 12.

- (13) *Credited Service* means service credited to a Member to the extent provided in Article 4 of Component I of this Combined Plan Document.
- (14) *Disability or Disabled*: see *Total Disability or Totally Disabled*.
- (15) *DROP Account* means the account established by the Board for a Member who is eligible for and who elects to participate in the DROP Program.
- (16) *DROP Program* means a program established for eligible Members pursuant to Article 12.
- (17) *Employee* means an employee of the City's Police Department who has taken an oath of office or a Firefighter providing services to the City, but does not include:
 - (a) individuals whose City services are compensated on a contractual or fee basis; or
 - (b) any person during any period when such person is classified by the City as a non common-law employee or an independent contractor for federal income tax and withholding purposes whose compensation for services is reported on a form other than Form W-2 or any successor form for reporting wages paid to and taxes withheld from employees, even if a court or administrative agency determines that such person is a common-law employee of the City.

If a person described in (b) above is reclassified by the City as a common-law employee of the City and otherwise meets the definition of an Employee, the person will be eligible to participate in the Retirement System prospectively as of the actual date of such reclassification only (and only to the extent such individual otherwise qualifies as an Employee).

- (18) *Employer* means the City.
- (19) *Final Compensation* means the annual Compensation of a Member at the time of his or her termination of employment.
- (20) *Firefighter* means the rank in the Fire Department classified by the civil service commission as firefighter.
- (21) *Fire Member* means a sworn employee of the Fire Department of the City of Detroit who is a participant in the Retirement System.
- (22) *Hour of Service* means (i) each hour for which a Member is paid or entitled to payment by the City for the performance of duties, and (ii) each hour for which a Member is directly paid or entitled to payment by the City for reasons other than the performance of duties (such as vacation, holiday, illness or approved leave of absence).
- (23) *Internal Revenue Code or Code* means the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
- (24) *Investment Committee* means the committee established pursuant to Section 1.19 which shall have the powers and duties described herein.
- (25) *Mandatory Employee Contributions* mean the contributions made by a Member to the Retirement System pursuant to Section 9.3(3).
- (26) *Member* means any Police Member or Fire Member who has not retired or died.
- (27) *Normal Retirement Age* means for any member of the Detroit Fire Fighters Association and the Detroit Police Officers Association, age fifty-two with twenty-five years of Credited Service. For any member of the Detroit Police Command Officers Association or the Detroit Police Lieutenants and Sergeants Association, Normal Retirement Age is age fifty with twenty-five years of Credited Service, with the following transition period:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Age and Service</u>
2015	Age 43 and 20 years
2016	Age 43 and 20 years
2017	Age 44 and 21 years
2018	Age 45 and 22 years
2019	Age 46 and 23 years
2020	Age 47 and 24 years

2021 and thereafter

Age 50 and 25 years

Pursuant to Code Section 411(e), as in effect in 1974, a Member shall be 100% vested in his accrued benefit under the Retirement System upon attainment of Normal Retirement Age while in Service.

- (28) *Notice to Members, Beneficiaries, and Retirees* means a mailing using First Class United States Mail to the Members, Beneficiaries, and Retirees at their last known addresses.
- (29) *Patrolman* means the rank in the Police Department currently or formerly known as patrolman.
- (30) *Pension Reserve* means the present value of all payments to be made on account of any Retirement Allowance. Such Pension Reserve shall be computed upon the basis of such mortality and other tables of experience, and interest, as provided herein until June 30, 2023 and, thereafter, as shall be adopted by the Board upon the recommendation of the Investment Committee.
- (31) *Plan Actuary or Actuary* means the enrolled actuary or actuarial firm appointed prior to provided in Section 1.15 to serve as technical advisor to the Investment Committee and the Board on matters regarding the funding and operation of the Retirement System and to perform such other duties as the Investment Committee or the Board may direct.
- (32) *Plan Document or Combined Plan Document* means this instrument, effective as of July 1, 2014, with all amendments hereafter adopted.
- (33) *Plan of Adjustment* means the Plan for the Adjustment of Debts of the City of Detroit, which has been approved by the United States Bankruptcy Court in *In re City of Detroit, Michigan*, Case No. 13-53846.
- (34) *Plan Year* means the twelve month period commencing on July 1 and ending on June 30.
- (35) *Police and Fire Retirement System of the City of Detroit or Retirement System* means the Police and Fire Retirement System of the City of Detroit created and, prior to July 1, 2014, memorialized in Title IX, Chapter VI, of the 1918 Detroit City Charter, as amended, continued in effect through the 1974, 1997 and 2012 Detroit City Charters, Article 47 of the Detroit City Code, Article 54 of the Detroit City Code of 1964, and collective bargaining agreements and, on and after July 1, 2014, memorialized in this Combined Plan Document, as amended from time to time.

The Retirement System consists of:

- (a) The *2014 Defined Benefit Plan*, which is described in Component I hereof;
- (b) The *Defined Contribution Plan*, consisting of the Voluntary Employee Contribution Account and the DROP Account, which are described in Component I hereof;
- (c) The *Frozen Defined Benefit Plan*, which is described in Component II hereof; and
- (d) The *Frozen Defined Contribution Plan*, which is described in Component II hereof.

References to the words *Retirement System* in Component I of the Plan Document shall mean the provisions of the *Defined Benefit Plan and Defined Contribution Plan* described in Component I, unless a different meaning is plainly required by context.

- (36) *Police Member* means a Police Officer who has taken the oath of office as prescribed in the Detroit City Charter, excluding patrolmen of other City departments, privately employed patrolmen and special patrolmen, who is a participant in the Retirement System.
- (37) *Police Officer* means the rank in the Police Department known as Police Officer.
- (38) *Prior Service* means the service credit awarded to a Member before July 1, 2014 under the terms of the Retirement System as in effect on June 30, 2014, as certified by the Board of Trustees.
- (39) *Retiree* means a former Member who is receiving a Retirement Allowance from the Retirement System.
- (40) *Retirement* means a Member's withdrawal from the employ of the City with a Retirement Allowance paid by the Retirement System.
- (41) *Retirement Allowance* means an annual amount payable in monthly installments by the Retirement System, whether payable for a temporary period or throughout the future life of a Retiree or Beneficiary.
- (42) *Service* means personal services rendered to the City by an employee of the Police Department or Fire Department, provided such person is compensated by the City for such personal services.
- (43) *Spouse* means the person to whom a Member is legally married under applicable law at the time a determination is made.
- (44) *Straight Life Retirement Allowance* means payment of a Member's Retirement Allowance over the Member's lifetime.
- (45) *Total Disability or Totally Disabled* means:
 - (a) during the first twenty-four (24) months that a Member receives benefits from the Retirement System due to injury, illness or disease, that the Member is unable to perform, for wage or profit, the material and substantial duties of the Member's occupation; and
 - (b) during all subsequent months that a Member receives benefits from the Retirement System due to illness, injury or disease, that the Member is unable to perform, for wage or profit, the material and substantial duties of any occupation for which the Member is suited, based on education, training and experience
- (46) *Vesting Service* means service credited to a Member to the extent provided in Section 4 of Component I of this Combined Plan Document.
- (47) *Voluntary Employee Contributions* mean the after-tax contributions made by an eligible Member to the Retirement System pursuant to Section 10.1.
- (48) *Voluntary Employee Contributions Account* means the account established pursuant to Section 10.3 for an eligible Member who elects to make Voluntary Employee Contributions.

ARTICLE 3 – MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 3.1. Eligible Employees

- (1) The membership of the Retirement System shall consist of all persons who are employed with the Police and Fire Departments of the City and who are confirmed as Police Officers or Firefighters according to the rules and regulations of the respective Departments. An eligible Employee's membership in the Retirement System shall be automatic; no eligible Employee shall have the option to elect to become a Member of the Retirement System.
- (2) Any appointive official of the Police Department or Fire Department appointed from the membership thereof shall be permitted to remain a Member, paying contributions and entitled to benefits as though he had remained in the rank, grade or position held at the date of his appointment.
- (3) Any Police Officer or Firefighter who, prior to being confirmed, shall be killed or totally incapacitated as the result of the performance of active duty, shall be deemed to have been a Member.
- (4) Any Member who shall be transferred to a civilian position in his department shall continue as a Member, subject to all the obligations of a Member.

Sec. 3.2. Cessation of Membership; Re-Employment

- (1) If a Member dies, or is separated from service with the City by resignation, dismissal, retirement or disability, he shall cease to be a Member.
- (2) If a Member ceases to be a Member under paragraph (1) and later becomes a Police Officer or Firefighter, he shall again become a Member, subject to the obligations of a Member.
- (3) Retirement benefits for a Retiree who returns to active full time employment shall be subject to the following:
 - (a) A Retiree who returns to work will have his Retirement Allowance suspended upon re-employment. The variable pension improvement factor (escalator) shall not be added to the amount of the original Retirement Allowance during the Retiree's re-employment period.
 - (b) A Retiree who returns to work will be entitled to receive a second Retirement Allowance in accordance with the provisions of the Retirement System in effect during his re-employment period.
 - (c) A Retiree's Average Final Compensation for purposes of determining the Retiree's second Retirement Allowance will be based upon the Compensation earned by the Retiree after he returns to work.
 - (d) An individual who retires for a second time will not be allowed to change the payment option selected by the Member with respect to the original Retirement Allowance. However, the individual may select a separate payment option with respect to his second Retirement Allowance.

Sec. 3.3. Report From City

It shall be the duty of the City to submit to the Board of Trustees a statement showing the name, title, compensation, duties, date of birth, date of hire, and length of service of each Member, and such other information as the Board of Trustees may require or reasonably request for proper administration of the Retirement System.

ARTICLE 4 – SERVICE CREDIT

Sec. 4.1. Credited Service

- (1) The Board shall keep an accurate record of each Member's accumulated Service credit from the date of commencement of employment with the City to the date of termination of employment with the City.
- (2) A Member shall be credited with one month of Credited Service for each calendar month during which he performs one hundred forty (140) or more Hours of Service for the City as a Police Officer or Firefighter beginning on the later of July 1, 2014 or his date of hire with the City as a Police Officer or Firefighter and ending on the date his employment with the City as a Police Officer or Firefighter is terminated. Service shall be credited in years and twelfths (1/12th) of a year. Not more than one-twelfth (1/12th) of a year of Credited Service shall be credited to a Member on account of all Service rendered to the City in a calendar month. Not more than one year of Credited Service shall be credited a Member on account of all Service rendered to the City in any period of 12 consecutive months.
- (3) Not more than one month of Credited Service shall be granted for any period of more than one month during which the Member is absent without pay; notwithstanding the foregoing, any Member who shall be suspended from duty and subsequently reinstated to duty without further disciplinary action shall receive credit for the time of such period of suspension.
- (4) Solely for purposes of determining eligibility for a retirement benefit under Sections 5.1 and 5.4, a Member shall be credited with the sum of his Prior Service as determined by the Board and his Credited Service on and after July 1, 2014 determined under Section 4.1(2). The period of time during which a Member is on layoff from the service of the City shall be included in the Member's Credited Service solely for the purposes of determining whether the Member has attained twenty-five years of Credited Service for purposes of Section 5.1.

Sec. 4.2. Vesting Service

- (1) A Member shall be credited with a year of Vesting Service for each Plan Year commencing on or after July 1, 2014 during which the Member performs 1,000 or more Hours of Service for the City.
- (2) A Member's total Vesting Service shall be the sum of his Prior Service and his Service determined under Section 4.2(1).

Sec. 4.3. Service Credit; Military Service

A Member who enters the military service of the United States while employed with the City shall have the period of such military service credited as City Service in the same manner as if the Member had served the City without interruption, provided that (1) the Member's entry into such military service and re-employment thereafter shall be in accordance with applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations of the State of Michigan and the City, (2) he or she is re-employed by the City as a Police Officer or Firefighter upon completion of such military service, and (3) the Member contributes to the Retirement System the Mandatory Employee Contributions that would have been made by the Member but for the Member's military service. During the period of military service and until return to City employment, the Member's Mandatory Employee Contributions to the Retirement System shall be suspended.

Sec. 4.4. Service Credit; Qualified Military Service

Notwithstanding any provision of this Combined Plan Document to the contrary, contributions, benefits, and service credit with respect to qualified military service under Component I, shall be provided in accordance with Code Section 414(u). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, if a Member dies while performing qualified military service (as defined in Code Section 414(u)), to the extent required by Code Section 401(a)(37), the survivors of the Member are entitled to any additional benefits (if any, and other than benefit accruals relating to the period of qualified military service) provided under the Retirement System as if the Member had resumed and then terminated employment on account of death.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, if the City decides to provide Differential Wage Payments to individuals who are performing service in the uniformed services (as defined in Chapter 43 of Title 238, United States Code) while on active duty for a period of more than thirty (30) days, such Differential Wage Payment will be treated as compensation under the Code Section 415(c)(3) limits, but not for purposes of benefit accruals under the Retirement System. For these purposes the term "Differential Wage Payment" means a payment defined in Code Section 3401(h)(2) that is made by the City to an individual who is performing service in the uniformed services while on active duty for a period of more than thirty (30) days.

ARTICLE 5 – ELIGIBILITY FOR RETIREMENT

Sec. 5.1. Eligibility for Unreduced Normal Retirement Benefit

Any Member who attains his Normal Retirement Age may retire upon written application filed with the Board setting forth the date on which the Member desires to be retired. The date of retirement shall be effective as of the first day following the later of (i) the Member's last day on the City payroll, or (ii) the date the Member executes and files an application for retirement, notwithstanding that the Member may have separated from Service during the notification period. Such a Member shall be entitled to receive an unreduced Retirement Allowance calculated as provided in Section 6.1 and payable in a form of payment selected by the Member pursuant to Section 8.1.

Sec. 5.2. Eligibility for Deferred Vested Retirement Benefit

Any Member who terminates employment with the City prior to satisfying the requirements for receipt of a retirement benefit under Section 5.1 and who is credited with ten (10) or more years of Vesting Service (regardless of age) shall be entitled to receive an unreduced Retirement Allowance commencing at any time following his attainment of Age sixty-two. At a Member's election, the Member may begin receiving an immediate Retirement Allowance following his attainment of Age fifty-five, actuarially reduced for early commencement, in lieu of an unreduced Retirement Allowance beginning at age sixty-two. Deferred vested retirement benefits shall be payable in accordance with a form of payment selected by the Member pursuant to Section 8.1.

Sec. 5.3. Eligibility for Disability Retirement Benefit – Duty Disability

(1) If the Board shall find that a Member has become Totally Disabled resulting from performance of duty, upon written application to the Board by or on behalf of such Member or by the head of his department, such Member shall be retired, notwithstanding that during such period of notification he may have separated from Service with the City. In making such determination, the Board may require that such Member undergo a medical examination to be made by a qualified physician or surgeon in the appropriate specialty at Detroit Receiving Hospital or other medical facility as may be selected by the Board. A Member who retires as a result of duty disability shall receive for a period of twenty-four months the sum of:

- (a) a basic benefit equal to fifty percent (50%) of his Final Compensation at the time his duty disability retirement begins, and
- (b) a supplemental benefit equal to sixteen and two-thirds percent (16-2/3%) of his Final Compensation at the time his duty disability retirement begins.

Subject to Section 9.5, on the first day of each Plan Year, a Member's duty disability benefit will be increased as provided in Section 6.2.

(2) After a Member receives benefits hereunder for a period of twenty-four months, the Board will determine whether the Member is disabled from any occupation. If the Member is disabled from any occupation, the Member shall continue to receive the benefit provided in paragraphs (1)(a) and (1)(b) until such time as the Member would have attained twenty-five years of Credited Service had he continued in active Service with the City. At that time, the Member shall continue to receive the benefit described in paragraph 1(a) above; however, benefits described in paragraph (1)(b) above will cease. If the Member is not disabled from any occupation, he shall continue to

receive the benefit described in paragraph (1)(a) above; benefits described in paragraph 1(b) will cease.

- (3) In the event a Member receiving duty disability benefits has attained twenty-five years of Credited Service, duty disability benefits shall continue to be paid to the Member until the earlier of (i) the Member's attainment of age sixty-five, or (ii) the date the Member ceases to be Totally Disabled as determined by the Board. Upon termination of disability or attainment of age sixty-five, a member with twenty-five years of Credited Service shall be eligible to receive a Retirement Allowance as provided in Section 6.1. The amount of such Retirement Allowance shall be equal to the amount which would have been payable to the Member if the Member's conversion from duty disability retirement to a Retirement Allowance had occurred on the date the Member attained twenty-five years of Service Credit.
- (4) If a Member on duty disability retirement returns to active Service with the City and shall re-qualify for duty disability retirement for the same or related reasons within twenty-four months of his return to active Service, then the disability shall be deemed a continuation of the prior Total Disability and the period of the Member's active Service following the return to work will not qualify the Member to be entitled to a new initial determination of disability for purposes of determining the benefit payable to the Member. Instead, such Member will return to duty disability retirement benefits based on the number of months of disability with which the Member was credited at the time of his return to active Service, as if there had not been a break in his period of duty disability retirement.
- (5) During the period a Member is eligible to receive duty disability benefits under this Section 5.3, the Member shall continue to be credited with Credited Service until the Member accrues twenty-five years of Credited Service, at which time accrual of Credited Service shall cease.
- (6) In the event that a recipient of a duty disability retirement benefit receives earned income from gainful employment during a calendar year, the amount of the Member's disability benefit payable during the next subsequent Plan Year will be adjusted so it does not exceed the difference between (i) the Member's base salary at the date of duty disability, increased by the variable pension improvement factor (escalator) (if any) applicable to such benefit pursuant to Section 6.2 times the number of full Plan Years from the date of the Member's duty disability to the year in which the earnings offset is applied, and (ii) the amount of the Member's remuneration from gainful employment during the prior calendar year. The amount of income received by a Member shall be determined by the Board based upon information received from the Member or based upon information secured from other reliable sources. Furnishing such information to the Board shall be a condition for the Member's continued eligibility for duty disability benefits.
- (7) The Board shall not act upon or grant the application for duty disability benefits filed by a Member who, although not capable of performing the full duties of his prior position, has not suffered any diminishment of his base wages or benefits because he is either (i) regularly assigned to a position, the full duties of which he is capable of performing; or (ii) assigned to a restricted duty position, unless the Member's Department advises the Board that it intends to seek a duty disability retirement for the Member in the foreseeable future. The provisions of this paragraph shall not affect a Member's right to seek a duty disability retirement benefit when no restricted duty position is available or restrict the authority of the Police Department or Fire Department (as applicable) to apply for a duty disability retirement benefit for such Member.

Sec. 5.4. Eligibility for Disability Retirement Benefit – Non-Duty Disability

- (1) Upon the application of a Member or the Member's department head, a Member who becomes totally and permanently disabled in the employ of the City not resulting from the performance of duty shall be retired by the Board; provided that a qualified physician or surgeon in the appropriate specialty at Detroit Receiving Hospital or other medical facility as may be selected by the Board, shall certify to the Board after a medical examination, that such Member is mentally or physically totally and permanently disabled for the further performance of duty to the City. Such a Member shall receive the following applicable benefits:
 - (a) If such Member has less than five years of Credited Service at the time of his disability retirement, his Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contributions standing to his credit in the Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contributions Fund shall be returned to him, or at his option he shall receive a cash refund annuity which shall be the actuarial equivalent of his Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contributions.
 - (b) If such Member has five or more years of Credited Service at the time of his disability retirement, he shall receive a disability Retirement Allowance computed in accordance with the provisions of Section 6.1 payable in any of the optional forms provided in Section 8.1 hereof. His annual straight life retirement allowance shall not be less than twenty per cent (20%) of his Average Final Compensation.
- (2) The Board shall not act upon or grant the application for non-duty disability benefits filed by a Member who, although not capable of performing his full duties, has not suffered any diminishment of his base wages or benefits because he is either (i) regularly assigned to a position, the full duties of which he is capable of performing; or (ii) assigned to a restricted duty position, unless the Member's employer advises the Board that it intends to seek a non-duty disability retirement for the Member in the foreseeable future. The provisions of this paragraph shall not affect a Member's right to seek a non-duty disability retirement benefit when no restricted duty position is available or restrict the authority of the Police Department or Fire Department (as applicable) to apply for a non-duty disability retirement benefit for such Member.
- (3) If a Retiree receiving non-duty disability retirement benefits is or becomes engaged in a gainful occupation, business, or employment paying more than the difference between the disabled Retiree's Retirement Allowance and Average Final Compensation, the Retiree's Retirement Allowance shall be reduced by the amount of such difference. If the amount of the Retiree's earnings changes, the Retirement Allowance may be adjusted accordingly.

Sec. 5.5. Disability Retirees; Reexamination

- (1) At least once each year during the first five years following the retirement of a Member under Section 5.3 or Section 5.4, and at least once in every three year period thereafter, the Board may require that such disability Retiree who has not attained his Normal Retirement Age undergo a medical examination, to be made by, or under the direction of, a qualified physician or surgeon in the appropriate specialty at Detroit Receiving Hospital or other medical facility as may be selected by the Board. Should any such Retiree who has not attained Normal Retirement Age fail to submit to at least one such medical examination in any such period, the Retiree's Retirement Allowance may be suspended by the Board until the examination is completed. Should such failure continue for one year, all of the Retiree's rights in and to the Retirement Allowance may be revoked by the Board. If upon such examination of a Retiree, the examiner reports that the Retiree is no longer Totally Disabled, and such report is concurred in by the Board, the Retiree

shall be restored to active service with the City and the Retirement Allowance paid pursuant to Section 5.3 or Section 5.4 shall be suspended until the Retiree terminates active service with the City.

- (2) A disabled Retiree who has been, or shall be, reinstated to active service in the employ of the City shall again become a Member. All Credited Service at the time of the disability retirement shall be restored to the Member.

Sec. 5.6. Return of Accumulated Mandatory Contributions to Non-Vested Member

If a Member ceases to be an Employee before becoming eligible for a deferred vested Retirement Allowance under Section 5.2 or a disability Retirement Allowance pursuant to Section 5.4 or 5.5, the Member may elect to receive distribution of the Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contributions made to the Retirement System by such Member. If a Member elects to receive his Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contributions, such amounts shall be paid to the Member in a lump sum payment or in equal monthly installments for a period not to exceed three years, according to such rules and regulations as the Board may adopt from time to time.

Sec. 5.7. Benefits Offset by Compensation Benefits; Subrogation

- (1) Any amounts which may be paid or payable to a Member, Retiree, or Beneficiary on account of disability or death under the provisions of any Workers' Compensation, pension, or similar law, except federal Social Security old-age and survivors' and disability insurance benefits, shall be an offset against any amounts payable from funds of the Retirement System on account of the same disability or death. If the present value of the benefits payable under said Workers' Compensation, pension, or similar law, is less than the Pension Reserve for the Retirement Allowance payable by the Retirement System, the present value of the said Workers' Compensation, pension, or similar legal benefit shall be deducted from the amounts payable by the Retirement System, and such amounts as may be provided by the Retirement System, so reduced, shall be payable as provided in this Combined Plan Document.
- (2) In the event a person becomes entitled to a pension payable by the Retirement System because of an accident or injury caused by the act of a third party, the Retirement System shall be subrogated to the rights of said person against such third party to the extent of the benefit which the Retirement System pays or becomes liable to pay.

ARTICLE 6 – RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE; VARIABLE PENSION IMPROVEMENT FACTOR (ESCALATOR)

Sec. 6.1. Retirement Allowance

The Retirement Allowance payable to a Member commencing at the later of his Normal Retirement Age or his actual retirement from employment with the City in the form of a Straight Life Retirement Allowance shall be equal to two percent (2%) of the Member's Average Final Compensation multiplied by the Member's years (computed to the nearest one-twelfth (1/12th) year) of Credited Service earned on and after July 1, 2014.

Sec. 6.2. Variable Pension Improvement Factor (Escalator)

Except as provided in Section 9.5, beginning July 1, 2015 and effective the first day of each Plan Year thereafter, the Board may determine that the annual Retirement Allowance of a member of the Detroit Police Command Officers Association or the Detroit Police Lieutenants and Sergeants Association shall be increased by a factor of one percent (1.0%), computed each year on the basis of the amount of the original Retirement Allowance received at the time of Retirement; provided, that the recipient of said Retirement Allowance shall have been receiving a Retirement Allowance for a period of not less than twelve months prior to the first day of such Plan Year.

ARTICLE 7 – DEATH BENEFITS

Sec. 7.1. Accidental Death Benefit; Performance of Duty

- (1) If a Member is killed in the performance of duty in the service of the City, or dies as the result of illness contracted or injuries received while in the performance of duty in the service of the City, and such death, illness, or injury resulting in death, is found by the Board to have resulted from the actual performance of duty in the service of the City, the following benefits shall be paid:
- (a) His Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contributions standing to his credit in the Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contributions Fund at the time of his death shall be paid to such person or persons as he shall have nominated by written designation duly executed and filed with the Board. If no such designated person survives the Member, his said Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contributions shall be paid to his legal representative, subject to paragraph (e) of this Section 7.1(1).
 - (b) His surviving Spouse shall receive a pension of five-elevenths of the Member's Final Compensation payable for the Spouse's lifetime. If the Member's child or children under age eighteen years also survive the deceased Member, each such child shall receive a pension of one-tenth of such Final Compensation; provided, that if there are more than two such surviving children under age eighteen years, each such child's pension shall be an equal share of seven thirty-thirds of such Final Compensation. Upon the death, marriage, adoption, or attainment of age eighteen years of any such child, his pension shall terminate and there shall be a redistribution of the benefit by the Board to the deceased Member's remaining eligible children, if any; provided, that in no case shall any such child's pension exceed one-tenth of the Member's Final Compensation. In no case shall the total of the pensions provided for in this paragraph (b), payable on account of the death of a Member exceed two-thirds of the Member's Final Compensation.
 - (c) If no surviving Spouse survives the deceased Member or if the Member's surviving Spouse dies before his youngest unmarried surviving child attains age eighteen years, his unmarried child or children under age eighteen years shall each receive a pension of one-fourth of the Member's Final Compensation; provided that if there are more than two such surviving children under age eighteen years, each such child's pension shall be an equal share of one-half of such Final Compensation. Upon the death, marriage, adoption, or attainment of age eighteen years of any such child, his pension shall terminate and there shall be a redistribution by the Board to the deceased Member's remaining eligible children, if any; provided, that in no case shall any such child's pension exceed one-fourth of the Member's Final Compensation.
 - (d) If the Member has no surviving Spouse or surviving children under age eighteen years and if the Member leaves surviving him either or both a father and mother, whom the Board shall find to be actually dependent upon such Member for financial support, such dependent father and mother shall each receive a pension of one-sixth of the Member's Final Compensation.
 - (e) If a Member dies intestate, without having designated a person or persons, as provided in paragraph (a) of this Section 7.1(1), and without heirs, the amount of his Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contributions in the Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contribution Fund, not to exceed a reasonable sum, to be determined by the Board, shall be used to pay his burial expenses, provided he leaves no other estate sufficient for such

purpose. Any balance credited to such Member in the Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contribution Fund, and not used for burial expenses shall remain a part of the funds of the Retirement System and shall be transferred to the Pension Accumulation Fund.

Sec. 7.2. Non-Duty Death Benefits

The surviving Spouse of any Member who dies while in the employ of the City (other than in the performance of duty) after the date such Member has earned ten or more years of Credited Service, shall receive a Retirement Allowance computed in the same manner in all respects as if said Member had (i) retired effective the day preceding the Member's death, notwithstanding that the Member had not attained Normal Retirement Age, (ii) elected a Joint and One Hundred Percent Survivor Allowance as described in Section 8.1, and (iii) nominated the surviving Spouse as Beneficiary.

Sec. 7.3. Refund of Accumulated Mandatory Contributions Upon Death of Member

If a Member dies while employed by the City or following termination of employment but prior to commencement of a Retirement Allowance, the Member's Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contributions to the Retirement System at the time of death shall be paid to the Beneficiary nominated in a written designation duly executed by the Member and filed with the Board. In the event there is no such designated Beneficiary surviving, the Member's Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contributions shall be paid to the Member's estate. If a Member who dies without a legal will has not nominated a Beneficiary, the Member's Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contributions at the time of death may be used to pay burial expenses if the Member leaves no other estate sufficient for such purpose. Such expenses shall not exceed a reasonable amount as determined by the Board.

ARTICLE 8 – FORMS OF PAYMENT

Sec. 8.1. Retirement Allowance Options

- (1) Until the date the first Retirement Allowance payment check is issued, any Member may elect to receive a *Straight Life Retirement Allowance* payable throughout life, or the Member may elect to receive the Actuarial Equivalent of the *Straight Life Retirement Allowance* computed as of the effective date of retirement, in a reduced Retirement Allowance payable throughout life, and nominate a Beneficiary, in accordance with the options set forth below:
 - (a) *Option One. Cash Refund Annuity.* A Retiree will receive a reduced Retirement Allowance for as long as he lives, provided that if he dies before payment of the Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contributions made to the Retirement System on and after July 1, 2014 has been received in an aggregate amount equal to, but not exceeding the Retiree's Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contributions at the time of retirement, the difference between said Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contributions and the aggregate amount of annuity payments already received, shall be paid in a single lump sum to a Beneficiary nominated by written designation duly executed by the Member and filed with the Board. If there are no such designated Beneficiaries surviving said Retiree, any such difference shall be paid to the Retiree's estate.
 - (b) *Option Two. Joint and One Hundred Percent Survivor Allowance.* Upon the death of a Retiree who elected a *Joint and One Hundred Percent Survivor Allowance*, one hundred percent of the Member's reduced Retirement Allowance shall be paid to and continued throughout the life of the Beneficiary nominated by written designation duly executed and filed with the Board prior to the date the first payment of the Retirement Allowance becomes due.
 - (c) *Option "A". Joint and Seventy-Five Percent Survivor Allowance.* Upon the death of a Retiree who elected a *Joint and Seventy-Five Percent Survivor Allowance*, seventy-five percent of the Member's reduced Retirement Allowance shall be continued throughout the life of and paid to the Beneficiary nominated by written designation duly executed by the Member and filed with the Board prior to the date the first payment of the Retirement Allowance becomes due.
 - (d) *Option Three. Joint and Fifty Percent Survivor Allowance.* Upon the death of a Retiree who elected a *Joint and Fifty Percent Survivor Allowance*, fifty percent of the Member's reduced Retirement Allowance shall be continued throughout the life of and paid to the Beneficiary nominated by written designation duly executed by the Member and filed with the Board prior to the date the first payment of the Retirement Allowance becomes due.
- (2) *Joint and Survivor Optional Forms of Payment.* The *Joint and Survivor Optional Forms of Payment* provided under the Retirement System shall be made available in either the standard form or the pop-up form, as follows:
 - (a) *Standard Form.* Under the *Standard Form*, the reduced Retirement Allowance shall be paid throughout the lifetime of the Retiree.
 - (b) *Pop-up Form.* Under the *Pop-up Form*, the reduced Retirement Allowance shall be paid throughout the lifetime of the Retiree and the designated Beneficiary. In the event of the

death of the designated Beneficiary during the lifetime of the Retiree, the amount of the Retirement Allowance payable to the Retiree shall be changed to the amount that would have been payable had the Retiree elected the *Straight Life Retirement Allowance Form of Payment*.

Sec. 8.2. Disposition of Surplus Benefits upon Death of Retiree and Beneficiary

If under a Joint and One Hundred Percent Survivor allowance, a Joint and Seventy-Five Percent Survivor allowance, or a Joint and Fifty Percent Survivor allowance as provided for under Section 8.1, both a Retiree and Beneficiary die before they have received in Retirement Allowance payments an aggregate amount equal to the Retiree's Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contributions (and if the Retiree makes an election pursuant to Section 10.4(2), his Accumulated Voluntary Employee Contributions) at the time of retirement, the difference between the said Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contributions (and Accumulated Voluntary Employee Contributions, if applicable) and the aggregate amount of Retirement Allowances paid to the Retiree and Beneficiary, shall be paid in a single lump sum to such person or persons nominated by written designation of the Retiree duly executed and filed with the Board. If there are no such person or persons surviving the Retiree and the Beneficiary, any such difference shall be paid to the estate of the last survivor of the Retiree or the Beneficiary.

ARTICLE 9 – FUNDING AND RESERVES

Sec. 9.1. Funding Objective of the Retirement System

The funding objective of Component I of the Retirement System is to establish and receive City and Member contributions during each Plan Year that are sufficient to fully cover the actuarial cost of benefits anticipated to be paid on account of Credited Service rendered by Members during the Plan Year (the normal cost requirements of the Retirement System), and amortize the unfunded actuarial costs of benefits likely to be paid on account of Credited Service rendered on or after July 1, 2014 and before the first day of the Plan Year (the unfunded actuarial accrued liability of the Retirement System).

Sec. 9.2. Funds

Component I of the Retirement System shall consist of the Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contribution Fund, the Accumulated Voluntary Contribution Fund, the Deferred Retirement Option Program Fund, the Pension Accumulation Fund, the Rate Stabilization Fund, the Expense Fund and the Income Fund, as follows:

- (1) The Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contribution Fund shall be the Fund in which shall be accumulated the contributions of Members to provide their Retirement Allowances. Upon the Retirement, termination, disability or death of a Member with a Retirement Allowance, the Member's Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contributions shall be deemed to be part of the Pension Reserve which shall be used to pay the Member's Retirement Allowance.
- (2) The Accumulated Voluntary Employee Contribution Fund shall be the Fund in which shall be accumulated the voluntary after-tax contributions of Members, together with earnings thereon.
- (3) The Deferred Retirement Option Plan Fund shall be the fund in which shall be accumulated the amounts credited to the DROP Accounts of Members who have elected to participate in the DROP Program pursuant to Article 11, together with earnings thereon.
- (4) The Pension Accumulation Fund shall be the fund in which shall be accumulated reserves for the Retirement Allowances and other benefits payable from that portion of the City's annual contribution that is not credited to the Rate Stabilization Fund and from which shall be paid Retirement Allowances and other benefits on account of Members.
- (5) The Rate Stabilization Fund shall be the Fund to which shall be credited City contributions in excess of the amount of the City's contribution which is credited to the Pension Accumulation Fund.
- (6) The Expense Fund shall be the fund to which shall be credited any money provided by the City to pay the administrative expenses of the Retirement System, and from which shall be paid certain expenses incurred in connection with the administration and operation of the Retirement System.
- (7) The Income Fund shall be the Fund to which shall be credited all interest, dividends, and other income derived from the investments of the assets of Component I of the Retirement System, all gifts and bequests received by Component I of the Retirement System, and all other moneys credited to Component I of the Retirement System, the disposition of which is not specifically provided for in this Article 9. There shall be paid or transferred from the Income Fund, all amounts required to credit earnings and losses to the various Funds of the Retirement System in accordance with the provisions of Component I of this Combined Plan Document.

Sec. 9.3. Method of Financing Retirement System Benefits

- (1) The pension liabilities for Members shall be determined by the Plan's Actuary using the entry-age normal cost method of actuarial valuation.
- (2) The City's annual contribution to finance the prospective pension liabilities for the nine Plan Year period commencing July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2023 shall be (a) eleven and two-tenths percent (11.2%) of the payroll of active employees who are members of the Detroit Fire Fighters Association and the Detroit Police Officers Association, and (b) twelve and one-quarter percent (12.25%) of the payroll of active employees who are members of the Detroit Police Command Officers Association and the Detroit Police Lieutenants and Sergeants Association, for the applicable Plan Year. A portion of the City's annual contribution for each Plan Year shall be credited to the Rate Stabilization Fund. The remainder of the City's annual contribution shall be allocated to the Pension Accumulation Fund.
- (3) Except as provided in Section 9.5, for each Plan Year, a Member who was an active employee as of June 30, 2014 ("current active") shall contribute to the Retirement System an amount equal to six percent (6%) of his or her Compensation for such Plan Year and a Member who is hired or rehired by the City on or after July 1, 2014 ("new employee") shall contribute to the Retirement System an amount equal to eight percent (8%) of his or her Compensation for such Plan Year. A Member's Mandatory Employee Contributions for the Plan Year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015 shall commence as of July 14, 2014. The officer or officers responsible for processing the payroll shall cause a Member's Mandatory Employee Contributions to be deducted from the Member's Compensation on each and every payroll, for each and every payroll period, from the date of his participation in the Retirement System to the date he ceases to be a Member. The contribution shall be deducted from the Members' Compensation, notwithstanding that the minimum compensation provided by law for any Member shall be reduced thereby. Payment of compensation, less said Mandatory Employee Contributions, shall be a complete discharge of all claims and demands whatsoever for the services rendered by the said Member during the period covered by such payment. Member Mandatory Employee Contributions will be used for the purpose of funding the normal cost of the Retirement System.

Sec. 9.4. Member Contributions Picked-Up

- (1) The City shall pick up Member Mandatory Employee Contributions required pursuant to Sections 9.3(3) and 9.5 in accordance with Code Section 414(h).
- (2) The picked-up contributions, although designated as employee contributions shall be treated as City contributions for the purpose of determining a Member's tax treatment under the Internal Revenue Code. The City shall pay the contributions picked-up on behalf of a Member from the same source of funds that are used for paying compensation to the Member.
- (3) The City shall pick up Member Mandatory Employee Contributions by a reduction in the Member's cash salary or an offset against a future salary increase, or both. The City shall designate the Mandatory Employee Contributions that are picked-up and paid to the Retirement System as employer contributions and not as employee contributions. No Member who participates in the Retirement System shall have the option of choosing to receive the contributed amounts directly instead of having those amounts paid by the City to the Retirement System.

Sec. 9.5. Fiscal Responsibility: Benefit Reductions and Increased Funding Obligations

- (1) To safeguard the long-term actuarial and financial integrity of the Retirement System, in the event the funding level of Component I of the Retirement System projected over a five year period falls below one hundred percent (100%), the Trustee may not award the variable pension improvement factor (escalator) described in Section 6.2 to any individual beginning with the Plan Year following the Plan Year in which such determination is made and continuing until the funding level is restored to not less than one hundred percent (100%).
- (2) In the event the funding level of the Retirement System projected over a five year period falls below ninety percent (90%), the following remedial action shall be required in the order set forth below, beginning with the Plan Year following the Plan Year in which such determination is made and continuing until the funding level is restored to not less than ninety percent (90%):
 - (a) the remedial action required in Section 9.5(1) shall be implemented or continued;
 - (b) all amounts credited to the Rate Stabilization Fund shall be transferred to the Pension Accumulation Fund for the purposes of funding benefits payable under the Retirement System;
 - (c) Mandatory Employee Contributions for active and new employees shall be increased by one percent (1%) for up to the next following five Plan Years;
 - (d) Mandatory Employee Contributions for active and new employees shall be increased by an additional one percent (1%) per year;
 - (e) Mandatory Employee Contributions for active and new employees shall be increased by an additional one percent (1%) per year;
 - (f) the Retirement Allowance payable to a Retiree shall not include the variable pension improvement factor (escalator) that was most recently paid to the Retiree on the date the funding level is projected to fall below ninety percent (90%);
 - (g) the Retirement Allowance payable to a Retiree shall not include the variable pension improvement factor (escalator) that was most recently added to the Member's Retirement Allowance for the Plan Year preceding the Plan Year referenced in paragraph (f) above;
 - (h) Mandatory Employee Contributions for active and new employees shall be increased by an additional one percent (1%) per year; and
 - (i) contributions made to the Retirement System by the City shall be increased, consistent with applicable actuarial principles and the *Public Employee Retirement System Investment Act*, as amended, MCL 38.1132 *et seq.*
- (3) For purposes of this Section 9.5, the "funding level" shall mean the ratio of the market value of the assets of Component I of the Retirement System to the actuarial accrued liability of Component I of the Retirement System. The actuarial accrued liability shall be calculated by the Plan's Actuary utilizing an interest rate assumption of six and three-quarters percent (6.75%) and other reasonable assumptions as directed by the Board upon the recommendation of the Investment Committee. The market value of assets shall be determined on the basis of a three-year look back period of smoothed investment returns.

ARTICLE 10 – VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS

Sec. 10.1. Voluntary Employee Contributions; Amount; Vesting

Subject to procedures established by the Board, a Member who is covered by a collective bargaining agreement with the City that permits the Member to make voluntary employee contributions to Component I of the Retirement System may elect to reduce his Compensation for any Plan Year by a whole percentage not less than one percent (1%) nor more than ten percent (10%) and have such amount contributed by the City to a Voluntary Employee Contribution Account maintained on his behalf under Component I of the Retirement System. Voluntary Employee Contributions shall be made to the Retirement System on an after-tax basis. Amounts credited to a Member's Voluntary Employee Contribution Account shall be one hundred percent (100%) vested at all times.

Sec. 10.2. Changing an Election to Contribute

A Member may change or revoke an election to make Voluntary Employee Contributions to the Retirement System pursuant to this Article 10 in such manner and with such advance notice as the Board shall determine. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Member shall be permitted to change such election not less frequently than annually.

Sec. 10.3. Individual Member Accounting; Crediting of Earnings

The Board shall maintain a Voluntary Employee Contribution Account on behalf of each Member who elects to make Voluntary Employee Contributions to the Retirement System. Each Plan Year, a Member's Voluntary Employee Contribution Account shall be credited with earnings at a rate equal to the actual net investment rate of return on the assets of the Retirement System for the second fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year in which the earnings are credited; in no event, however, shall the earnings rate credited to a Member's Voluntary Employee Contribution Account for any Plan Year be less than zero percent (0%) nor greater than five and one-quarter percent (5.25%).

Sec. 10.4. Distribution of Accumulated Voluntary Employee Contributions

- (1) If a Member ceases to be an Employee other than by reason of death, the Member may elect to receive distribution of the Accumulated Voluntary Employee Contributions made to the Retirement System by such Member. If a Member elects to receive his Accumulated Voluntary Employee Contributions, such amounts shall be paid to the Member in a lump sum payment or in equal monthly installments for a period not to exceed three years, according to such rules and regulations as the Board may adopt from time to time.
- (2) In lieu of receiving distribution of his Accumulated Voluntary Employee Contributions as provided in Section 10.4(1), a Member may elect to have the actuarial equivalent value of his Accumulated Voluntary Employee Contributions added to his Retirement Allowance and paid in the form of an annuity described in Section 8.1.
- (3) If a Member dies while employed by the City or following termination of employment but prior to receiving distribution of the Member's Accumulated Voluntary Employee Contributions, the amounts credited to the Member's Accumulated Voluntary Employee Contribution Account at the time of death shall be paid to the Beneficiary nominated in a written designation duly executed by the Member and filed with the Board. In the event there is no such designated Beneficiary surviving, the Member's Accumulated Voluntary Employee Contributions shall be paid to the Member's estate. If a Member who dies without a legal will has not nominated a

Beneficiary, the Member's Accumulated Voluntary Employee Contributions at the time of death may be used to pay burial expenses if the Member leaves no other estate sufficient for such purpose. Such expenses shall not exceed a reasonable amount as determined by the Board.

ARTICLE 11 – LOAN PROGRAM FOR VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS

Sec. 11.1. The Loan Program

A loan program shall be available to members of the Detroit Police Lieutenants and Sergeants Association and the Detroit Police Command Officers Association who have amounts credited to a Voluntary Employee Contributions Account. The Board is authorized to adopt rules and regulations, from time to time, to govern the administration and the operation of the loan program. Copies of the rules shall be made available to eligible Members in the offices of the Retirement System. Any loans granted or renewed under the Retirement System shall be made and administered pursuant to and in compliance with Section 72(p) of the Internal Revenue Code and regulations thereunder.

Sec. 11.2. Eligibility for Loan

Subject to the rules and procedures established by the Board, loans may be made to eligible Members from such Member's Voluntary Employee Contribution Account. An eligible Member is any Member who has participated in the Retirement System for twelve (12) months or more. Former Members, Spouses and Beneficiaries are not eligible to receive any loans from the Retirement System. No Member shall have more than two (2) outstanding loans from the Retirement System (Component I and/or Component II) at any time. A Member who has previously defaulted on a loan shall not be eligible for a loan from the Retirement System.

Sec. 11.3. Amount of Loan

An eligible Member who has satisfied applicable rules and procedures established by the Board may borrow from his Voluntary Employee Contribution Account an amount, which does not exceed the lesser of (i) fifty percent (50%) of the Member's Voluntary Employee Contribution Account balance, and (ii) Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00), in each case reduced by the excess, if any, of: (1) the Member's highest outstanding loan balance under the Retirement System during the one (1) year period ending on the day before the date on which the loan is made, or (2) the outstanding loan balance under the Retirement System on the date on which the loan is made, whichever is less. The minimum loan amount shall be One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

Sec. 11.4. Terms and Conditions

In addition to such rules and procedures that are established by the Board, all loans shall comply with the following terms and conditions:

- (a) Each loan application shall be made in writing.
- (b) All loans shall be memorialized by a collateral promissory note for the amount of the loan, including interest, payable to the order of the Retirement System and properly executed by the Member.
- (c) Each loan shall be repaid by substantially equal payroll deductions over a period not to exceed five (5) years, or, where the loan is for the purpose of buying a principal residence, a period not to exceed fifteen (15) years. In no case shall the amount of the payroll deduction be less than Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) for any two-week pay period. A Member receiving a loan will be required to authorize payroll deductions from his compensation in an amount sufficient to repay the loan over its term.

- (d) An amount equal to the principal amount of the loan to a Member (but not more than one half of the Member's vested interest in the Retirement System) will be designated as collateral for guaranteeing the loan.
- (e) Each loan shall bear interest at a rate determined by the Board. The Board shall not discriminate among Members in its determination of interest rates on loans. However, loans initiated at different times may bear different interest rates, where, in the opinion of the Board, the difference in rates is supported by a change in market interest rates or a change in the Retirement System's current assumed rate of return. The loan interest rate shall bear a reasonable relationship to market rates for secured loans of a similar duration and shall bear a reasonable relationship to the costs to the Retirement System of administering the loan. The loan interest rate shall be calculated in a manner that will not negatively affect either the City's costs with respect to the Retirement System or the investment return allocated to Members.
- (f) Loan repayments shall be suspended during a period of military service, as permitted by Section 414(u)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. A Member who has an outstanding loan balance from the Retirement System who is absent from employment with the City, and who has satisfied the requirements of Section 414(u) of the Internal Revenue Code shall not be required to make loan repayments to the Retirement System during said periods of absence.

Sec. 11.5. Loan Balance

A Member's outstanding loan balance shall be considered a directed investment by the Member and interest payments shall be credited to the Member's Voluntary Employee Contribution Account (provided that the interest credited to the Member's Voluntary Employee Contribution Account shall be reduced appropriately to cover the administrative costs of the loan program and avoid negatively affecting the City's costs or the Retirement System's investment returns), and shall not be part of the Retirement System's net investment income or part of the Member's Voluntary Employee Contribution Account balance for the purpose of allocation of net investment income under the Retirement System.

Sec. 11.6. Default

In the event a Member defaults on a loan before the loan is repaid in full, the unpaid balance thereof will become due and payable and, to the extent that the outstanding amount is not repaid by the end of the calendar quarter which follows the calendar quarter in which the last payment was received, such amount shall be deemed to have been distributed to the Member for tax purposes, consistent with Section 72(p) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Sec. 11.7. Distribution

No distribution shall be made to a Member, former Member, Spouse or Beneficiary from the Retirement System until all outstanding loan balances and applicable accrued interest have been repaid or offset against amounts distributable to the Member from the Retirement System.

ARTICLE 12 DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN ("DROP") PROGRAM

Sec. 12.1. General Provisions

The following provisions are hereby established as the Deferred Retirement Option Plan ("DROP") Program, which shall be available to members of the Detroit Police Lieutenants and Sergeants Association and the Detroit Police Command Officers Association.

- (1) In lieu of terminating employment and accepting a Retirement Allowance under the Retirement System, any Member of the Retirement System who is eligible for the DROP Program and who is eligible to immediately retire and receive an unreduced Retirement Allowance under Section 5.1 may elect to participate in the DROP Program and defer the receipt of his Retirement Allowance in accordance with the provisions of this Article 12. Any such election shall be irrevocable.
- (2) Upon the effective date of a Member's participation in the DROP Program, the Member shall cease to accrue a Retirement Allowance pursuant to Section 6.1 and shall elect a form of payment for his Retirement Allowance pursuant to Section 8.1. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the monthly Retirement Allowance (including applicable variable pension improvement factor (escalator) increases) that would have been payable, had a Member elected to terminate employment with the City on the effective date of his or her DROP election and receive an immediate Retirement Allowance, shall be paid into a DROP Account established on behalf of the Member under the Retirement System or in an entity selected by the City.
- (3) If amounts credited to a DROP Account are invested under the Retirement System, such amounts shall be comingled with the assets of the Retirement System for investment purposes and shall be invested by the Trustees. The Member's DROP Account shall be credited with annual earnings at a rate equal to seventy-five percent (75%) of the actual net earnings rate of the assets of the Retirement System; however, in no event shall the earnings rate applied to a Member's DROP Account for any Plan Year be less than zero percent (0%) nor greater than seven and three-quarters percent (7.75%).
- (4) If amounts credited to a DROP Account are paid into an entity managed outside of the Retirement System, amounts credited to a Member's DROP Account shall be invested as directed by the Member within the investment choices provided by such entity.
- (5) Any fees associated with the maintenance of DROP Accounts outside of the Retirement System shall be paid by the Members by means of deduction from the DROP Account.

Sec. 12.2. Conversion to Retirement Allowance

- (1) A Member shall be entitled to participate in the DROP Program for a maximum of five years. At the end of such five year period of participation in the DROP Program, the Member shall be retired from employment with the City.
- (2) A Member shall not receive a distribution of amounts credited to his DROP Account prior to his termination of employment with the City. Upon termination of employment, Member who is a participant in the DROP Program shall receive, at his option either a lump sum payment from the DROP Account equal to the amount credited to the DROP Account or an annuity based upon the amount credited to his DROP Account. In addition, the Member's full monthly Retirement Allowance that otherwise would have been paid upon the Member's retirement had he or she not elected to participate in the DROP Program shall commence to the Member in accordance with

the form of payment selected by the Member at the commencement of his or her participation in the DROP Program. Termination of employment includes termination of any kind, such as, resignation, retirement, discharge or disability.

Sec. 12.3. Death of Member While Participating in the DROP Program

- (1) If a Member dies while participating in the DROP Program, a lump sum payment equal to the Member's DROP Account balance shall be paid to the Beneficiary named by the Member, or if no Beneficiary has been designated, to the Member's estate. In addition, the Member's Retirement Allowance, together with any applicable variable pension improvement factor (escalator) increases, will be restored to one hundred percent (100%) of the amount that would have been paid to the Member but for the Member's decision to participate in the DROP Program. Survivor benefits, if any, shall be paid in accordance with the payment Option elected by the deceased Member.

Sec. 12.4. Disability of Member While Participating in the DROP Program

- (1) If a Member becomes Totally Disabled due to a duty disability while participating in the DROP Program and while still an Employee and his employment with the City is terminated because he is Totally Disabled, he shall be immediately retired with one hundred percent (100%) of his Retirement Allowance payable in the form of payment selected by the Member at the commencement of the DROP Program, plus any applicable variable pension improvement factor (escalator) increases.
- (2) If a Member becomes Totally Disabled due to a non-duty disability while participating in the DROP Program and while still an Employee of the City and his employment with the City is terminated because he is Totally Disabled, the Member (a) shall be immediately retired and his full Retirement Allowance, together with any applicable variable pension improvement factor (escalator) increases, will commence in accordance with the form of payment selected by the Member at the commencement of the Member's participation in the DROP Program, and (b) shall be entitled to receive payment of the funds in his DROP Account (as a lump sum or other form of payment described in Section 8.1). Such Member shall not be entitled to disability retirement benefits under Section 5.3 or Section 5.4 hereof.

Sec. 12.5. Cost Neutrality

- (1) The DROP Program shall be effective only for as long as it is cost-neutral to the City, provided however, that the DROP Program shall continue during the pendency of proceedings, described in paragraph (2) below, designed to restore the Retirement System to cost neutrality.
- (2) If the City contends that the DROP Program is costing it money, including, but not limited to, making the City's annual contribution to the Retirement System higher than it would be if the DROP Program was not in effect, the Retirement System's actuary as well as an actuary appointed by the City, shall meet and confer in good faith regarding the cost. If the actuaries are unable to reach an agreement as to cost, the matter shall be submitted to a third, independent, actuary, chosen or agreed upon by the Retirement System's actuary and the City's actuary who will be an associate or a fellow of the Society of Actuaries and a member of the American Academy of Actuaries. This actuary, when rendering a decision, will be limited to ordering implementation of changes necessary to make the DROP Program cost neutral. Upon the implementation of changes necessary to make the DROP Program cost neutral, Members shall have thirty days to elect to either (a) retire from active employment with the City or (b) withdraw

from the DROP Program and resume active participation in the Retirement System. The Board shall notify the Member of these changes prior to implementation. Those Members resuming participation in the Retirement System shall not accumulate Credited Service for any time that they were participating in the DROP Program. Those not making either election shall resume active participation in the Retirement System.

ARTICLE 13 – LIMITATION ON BENEFITS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Sec. 13.1. Compliance With Code Section 415(b) And Regulations

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Combined Plan Document, the defined benefit component of the Retirement System shall be administered in compliance with the provisions of Code Section 415(b) and regulations thereunder that are applicable to governmental plans.
- (2) The maximum annual benefit accrued by a Member during a limitation year (which shall be the Plan Year) and the maximum annual benefit payable under the Retirement System to a Member at any time within a Plan Year, when expressed as an annual benefit in the form of a straight life annuity (with no ancillary benefits), shall be equal to \$160,000 (as such amount is adjusted pursuant to Code Section 415(d) for such Plan Year).
- (3) Notwithstanding the foregoing:
 - (a) if the benefit under the Retirement System is payable in any form other than a straight life annuity, the determination as to whether the limitation described in Section 13.1(2) has been satisfied shall be made, in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, by adjusting such benefit to the Actuarially Equivalent straight life annuity beginning at the same time, in accordance with Section 13.1(8) or (9);
 - (b) if the benefit under the Retirement System commences before Age sixty-two, the determination of whether the limitation set forth in Section 13.1(2) (the “Dollar Limit”) has been satisfied shall be made, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, by reducing the Dollar Limit so that the Dollar Limit (as so reduced) is equal to an annual benefit payable in the form of a straight life annuity, commencing when such benefit under the Retirement System commences, which is Actuarially Equivalent to a benefit in the amount of the Dollar Limit commencing at Age sixty-two; provided, however, if the Retirement System has an immediately commencing straight life annuity commencing both at Age sixty-two and the age of benefit commencement, then the Dollar Limit (as so reduced) shall equal the lesser of (i) the amount determined under this Section 13.1(3)(b) without regard to this proviso, or (ii) the Dollar Limit multiplied by a fraction the numerator of which is the annual amount of the immediately commencing straight life annuity under the Retirement System and the denominator of which is the annual amount of the straight life annuity under the Retirement System, commencing at Age sixty-two; and
 - (c) if the benefit under the Retirement System commences after Age sixty-five, the determination of whether the Dollar Limit has been satisfied shall be made, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, by increasing the Dollar Limit so that the Dollar Limit (as so increased) is equal to an annual benefit payable in the form of a straight life annuity, commencing when the benefit under the Retirement System commences, which is Actuarially Equivalent to a benefit in the amount of the Dollar Limit commencing at Age sixty-five; provided, however, if the Retirement System has an immediately commencing straight life annuity commencing both at Age sixty-five and the Age of benefit commencement, the Dollar Limit (as so increased) shall equal the lesser of (i) the amount determined under this Section 13.1(3)(c) without regard to this proviso, or (ii) the Dollar Limit multiplied by a fraction the numerator of which is the annual amount of the immediately commencing straight life annuity under the Retirement System and the denominator of which is the annual amount of the immediately

- (4) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 13.1, except as provided in Section 13.1(5), the maximum annual benefit specified in Section 13.1(2) above shall not apply to a particular Retirement System benefit if (a) the annual amount of such Retirement System benefit, together with the aggregate annual amount of any other pensions payable with respect to such Member under all other defined benefit plans maintained by the City, does not exceed \$10,000 for the Plan Year or any prior Plan Year, and (b) the Member was not at any time a participant in a defined contribution plan maintained by the City.
- (5) In the case of a Member who has less than ten years of participation in the Retirement System, the limitation set forth in Section 13.1(2) shall be such limitation (without regard to this Section 13.1(5)), multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of years of participation in the Retirement System (or parts thereof) credited to the Member and the denominator of which is ten. In the case of a Member who has less than ten years of Vesting Service, the limitations set forth in Paragraph (b) of Section 13.1(2) and in Section 13.1(4) shall be such limitations (determined without regard to this Section 13.1(5)) multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of years of Vesting Service, or parts thereof, credited to the Member and the denominator of which is ten.
- (6) Notwithstanding anything in this Section 13.1 to the contrary, if the annual benefit of a Member who has terminated employment with the City is limited pursuant to the limitations set forth in Section 13.1(2), such annual benefit shall be increased in accordance with the cost-of-living adjustments of Code Section 415(d).
- (7) For purposes of determining actuarial equivalence under Paragraph (b) or (c) of Section 13.1(3), the interest rate assumption shall be five percent (5%) and the mortality table used shall be the applicable mortality table specified by the Board.
- (8) The actuarially equivalent straight life annuity for purposes of adjusting any benefit payable in a form to which Code Section 417(e)(3) does not apply, as required by Paragraph (a) of Section 13.1(3), is equal to the greater of (a) the annual amount of the straight life annuity payable under the Retirement System commencing at the same annuity starting date as the form of benefit payable to the Member, or (b) the annual amount of the straight life annuity commencing at the same annuity starting date that has the same actuarial present value as the form of benefit payable to the Member, computed using the interest rate and mortality assumptions set forth in Section 13.1(7).
- (9) The actuarially equivalent straight life annuity for purposes of adjusting any benefit payable in a form to which Code Section 417(e)(3) applies, as required by Paragraph (a) of Section 13.1(3), is equal to the greatest of (a) the annual amount of the straight life annuity commencing at the same annuity starting date that has the same Actuarial Equivalent present value as the form of benefit payable to the Member, (b) the annual amount of the straight life annuity commencing at the same annuity starting date that has the same actuarial present value as the form of benefit payable to the Member, computed using a five and one-half percent (5.5%) interest rate assumption and the applicable mortality table specified by the Board, or (c) the annual amount of the straight life annuity commencing at the same annuity starting date that has the same actuarial present value as the form of benefit payable to the Member, computed using the applicable interest rate and the applicable mortality table, both as specified by the Board, divided by 1.05.

- (10) For purposes of applying the limitations set forth in this Section 13.1, all qualified defined benefit plans (whether or not terminated) ever maintained by the City shall be treated as one defined benefit plan.
- (11) For purposes of this Section 13.1, the term “compensation” shall include those items of remuneration specified in Treasury Regulation § 1.415(c)-2(b) and shall exclude those items of remuneration specified in Treasury Regulation § 1.415(c)-2(c), taking into account the timing rules specified in Treasury Regulation § 1.415(c)-2(e), but shall not include any amount in excess of the limitation under Code Section 401(a)(17) in effect for the year. The term “compensation” as defined in the preceding sentence shall include any payments made to a Member by the later of (a) two and one-half months after the date of the Member’s severance from employment with the City or (b) the end of the limitation year that includes the date of the Member’s severance from employment with the City, provided that, absent a severance from employment, such payments would have been paid to the Member while the Member continued in employment with the City and are regular compensation for services performed during the Member’s regular working hours, compensation for services outside the Member’s regular working hours (such as overtime or shift differential pay), commissions, bonuses or other similar compensation.
- (12) This Section 13.1 shall be administered in conformity with the regulations issued by the Secretary of the Treasury interpreting Code Section 415 including, but not limited to, any regulation providing for the “grandfathering” of any benefit accrued prior to the effective date of such regulations or statutory provision.

Sec. 13.2. Compliance with Code Section 415(c) and Regulations

- (1) The “annual addition” with respect to a Member for a limitation year shall in no event exceed the lesser of:
 - (a) \$40,000 (adjusted as provided in Code Section 415(d)); or
 - (b) One hundred percent (100%) of the Member’s compensation, as defined in Code Section 415(c)(3) and regulations issued thereunder, for the limitation year.
- (2) The “annual addition” with respect to a Member for a limitation year means the sum of his Voluntary Employee Contributions made to the Retirement System, and the employer contributions, employee contributions and forfeitures allocated to his accounts under any other qualified defined contribution plan (whether or not terminated) maintained by the City, and the amounts described in Code Sections 415(l)(2) and 419A(d)(2) allocated to his account.
- (3) In the event the “annual addition” to the Retirement System on behalf of a Member would otherwise exceed the amount that may be applied for his benefit under the limitation contained in this Section 13.2, the limitation shall be satisfied by reducing the Member’s Voluntary Employee Contributions to the extent necessary and distributing such amounts to the Member.

ARTICLE 14 – RETIREMENT SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 14.1. Board of Trustees as Retirement System Administrator

- (1) The Retirement Board shall have the power and authority to manage and administer the Retirement System in accordance with the provisions of this Combined Plan Document.
- (2) The Retirement Board shall provide procedures for the processing and review of benefit claims, corrections of errors, and similar matters, as further described in Section 14.2.
- (3) The Retirement Board and the Retirement System shall not make any payment to active or retired Members or Beneficiaries other than payments that are required by the Retirement System as established by this Combined Plan Document. This prohibition applies to all payments that are not authorized by this Combined Plan Document, whether such payments are those commonly referred to as a “thirteenth check” or payments by any other name.

Sec. 14.2. Powers and Duties of Board

- (1) The Board shall have the following powers and duties:
 - (a) exclusive authority regarding the administration, management and operation of the Retirement System, including, but not limited to, the right to contract for office space, computer hardware and software, and human resource services (any or all of which may be obtained from the City), and to make rules and regulations with respect to the operation of the Retirement System not inconsistent with the terms of the Combined Plan Document and applicable law, and to amend or rescind such rules and regulations;
 - (b) to determine questions of law or fact that may arise as to the rights of any person claiming rights under the Retirement System;
 - (c) to determine the contributions to the Retirement System required of the City and Members pursuant to the documents governing operation of the Retirement System, including the Plan of Adjustment;
 - (d) to construe and interpret the provisions of the Retirement System and to reconcile any inconsistencies;
 - (e) to perform ministerial functions, whether or not expressly authorized, which the Board may deem necessary or desirable in carrying out its duties under the Retirement System;
 - (f) except to the extent authority is vested in the Investment Committee, authority to employ, contract and pay for professional services including, but not limited to, actuarial, investment, legal, accounting, medical, and any other services that the Board considers necessary for the proper operation of the Retirement System;
 - (g) except to the extent authority or responsibility is vested in the Investment Committee, to arrange for annual audits of the records and accounts of the Retirement System by a certified public accountant or by a firm of certified public accountants pursuant to generally accepted auditing standards;

- (h) to prepare an annual report for the Retirement System for each fiscal year in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles. The report shall contain information regarding the financial, actuarial, and other activities of the Retirement System during the fiscal year. The Board shall furnish a copy of the annual report to the mayor and finance director of the City, to the chair of the City Council and the Investment Committee. The report shall also contain a review of the latest actuarial valuation of the Retirement System;
- (i) to maintain or cause to be maintained such separate funds and accounts as are required to be maintained under the provisions of Components I and II of the Combined Plan Document and such additional accounts as the Board deems necessary or expedient for the proper administration of the Retirement System and the administration and investment of the assets of the Retirement System. The Board shall maintain suitable records, data and information in connection with the performance of its functions, including, but not limited to, accurate and detailed accounts of all investments, receipts, disbursements, and other actions, including the proportionate interest therein and accumulated contributions of each Member who has made contributions to the Retirement System;
- (j) to correct any error in the records of the Retirement System that results in overpayment or underpayment of contributions to the Retirement System by the City or a Member, or overpayment or underpayment of benefits to a Member, former Member, or Beneficiary by the Retirement System. In the event of overpayment to a Member, former Member or Beneficiary, the Board may, as far as practicable, adjust future payments to such individual in such a manner that the Actuarial Equivalent of the benefit to which such individual was entitled shall be paid;
- (k) to the extent permissible under Michigan law (and consistent with the Retirement System's favorable tax qualified status under Code Section 401(a)), purchase one or more insurance policies to indemnify any person and such person's heirs and legal representatives who is made a party to (or threatened to be made a party to) any action, suit or proceeding whether brought by or in the right of the Board, the Investment Committee or the Retirement System or otherwise, by reason of the fact that such person is or was a Board member, Investment Committee member, director, officer, employee or agent of the Board (or an advisory body or committee of the Board) or the Retirement System. The insurance policies purchased by the Board shall not indemnify any person who is judicially determined to have incurred liability due to fraud, gross negligence or malfeasance in the performance of his duties; and
- (l) except to the extent authority or responsibility is vested in the Investment Committee, to perform any other function that is required for the proper administration of the Retirement System.

Sec. 14.3. Executive Director; Employees

The Board shall employ on behalf of the Retirement System an executive director and any other employees for which the Board establishes positions. The executive director shall do all of the following:

- (a) manage and administer the Retirement System under the supervision and direction of the Board;

- (b) annually prepare and submit to the Board for review, amendment, and adoption an itemized budget projecting the amount required to pay the Retirement System's expenses for the following fiscal year; and
- (c) perform such other duties as the Board shall delegate to the executive director.

The executive director, unless such power is retained by the Board, shall determine the compensation of all employees of the Retirement System (except the executive director, whose compensation shall be determined by the Board and the chief investment officer, whose compensation shall be determined by the Investment Committee) and such compensation shall be payable from the Retirement System. Any person employed by the Retirement System may but need not be an employee of the City.

Sec. 14.4. Discretionary Authority

The Board shall have sole and absolute discretion to:

- (a) interpret the provisions of the Retirement System;
- (b) make factual findings with respect to any and all issues arising under the Retirement System;
- (c) determine the rights and status of Members, Retirees, Beneficiaries and other persons under the Retirement System;
- (d) decide benefit disputes arising under the Retirement System; and
- (e) make determinations and findings (including factual findings) with respect to the benefits payable hereunder and the persons entitled thereto as may be required for the purposes of the Retirement System.

Sec. 14.5. Administrator's Decision Binding

The Board's decision on any matter arising in connection with administration and interpretation of the Retirement System shall be final and binding on Members, Retirees and Beneficiaries.

ARTICLE 15 – MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS

Sec. 15.1. Board as Trustee of Retirement System Assets

The Board of Trustees shall be the trustee of the funds held under the Retirement System, shall receive and accept all sums of money and other property paid or transferred to it by or at the direction of the City, and subject to the terms of Article 16, shall have the power to hold, invest, reinvest, manage, administer and distribute such money and other property subject to all terms, conditions, limitations, and restrictions imposed on the investment of assets of public employee retirement systems or plans by *Act No. 314 of the Public Acts of 1965, being sections 38.1132 et seq.* of the Michigan Compiled Laws, as amended.

Sec. 15.2. Maintenance of Segregated Funds

The Board of Trustees shall maintain separate funds as required for the proper administration of the Retirement System and shall not commingle the assets held under the Retirement System for the purpose of funding benefits accrued by Members prior to July 1, 2014, together with earnings and losses on such assets (or replacement assets), as more fully described in Component II of this Combined Plan Document, with the assets of the Retirement System held for the purpose of paying benefits accrued by Members on and after July 1, 2014 as described in this Component I of the Combined Plan Document. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the assets held under Components I and II of this Combined Plan Document may be commingled for investment purposes.

Sec. 15.3. Custodian of Funds

The Board of Trustees shall appoint or employ custodians of the assets of the Retirement System. The custodians shall perform all duties necessary and incidental to the custodial responsibility and shall make disbursements as authorized by the Board.

Sec. 15.4. Exclusive Purpose

All money and other assets of the Retirement System shall be held by the Trustees and invested for the sole purpose of paying benefits to Members and Beneficiaries and shall be used for no other purpose. In exercising its discretionary authority with respect to the management of the money and other assets of the Retirement System, the Trustees shall exercise the care, skill, prudence and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing, that a person acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters, would use in the conduct of an enterprise of like character with like aims.

Sec. 15.5. Prohibited Conduct

Members of the Board and employees of the Retirement System are prohibited from:

- (1) Having any beneficial interest, direct or indirect, in any investment of the Retirement System;
- (2) Being an obligor or providing surety for any money loaned to or borrowed from the Retirement System;
- (3) Except as provided in Article 11, borrowing any money or other assets of the Retirement System; and

- (4) Receiving any pay or other compensation from any person, other than compensation paid by the Retirement System, with respect to investments of the Retirement System.

ARTICLE 16 - INVESTMENT OF RETIREMENT SYSTEM ASSETS

Sec. 16.1. Investment Powers of the Board and the Investment Committee

Subject to the requirements set forth in this Article 16, the Board shall have the power and authority to manage, control, invest and reinvest money and other assets of the Retirement System subject to all terms, conditions, limitations, and restrictions imposed on the investment of assets of public employee retirement systems or plans by *Act No. 314 of the Public Acts of 1965*, being sections 38.1132 *et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws*, as amended. Notwithstanding anything in this Combined Plan Document to the contrary, for the twenty year period following the effective date of the Plan of Adjustment, the Investment Committee shall make recommendations to the Board with respect to investment management matters as provided in this Article 16.

All investment management decisions made by the Board, as more fully described in Section 16.2, shall require a recommendation by an affirmative vote of the Investment Committee as provided in this Combined Plan Document. The Board shall take no action with respect to any matter for which the Investment Committee has advisory responsibility and authority, unless and until such action has been approved by affirmative vote of the Investment Committee. All actions and recommendations of the Investment Committee shall be forwarded to the Board for consideration and are subject to Board approval. If the Board (a) fails to approve or disapprove an Investment Management decision that has been recommended by an affirmative vote of the Investment Committee, and such failure continues for forty-five days after the date that the recommendation was made to the Board, or (b) the Board disapproves an Investment Management decision within such forty-five day period but fails to provide to the Investment Committee within such forty-five day period a detailed written response outlining the reasons for such disapproval, then the Investment Committee and the Chief Investment Officer are authorized to implement the decision.

If the Board disapproves an Investment Committee recommendation within such forty-five day period and provides to the Investment Committee within such forty-five day period a detailed written response outlining the reasons for such disapproval, then the Investment Committee shall have forty-five days after the receipt of the Board response to either (a) withdraw the recommended Investment Management decision, or (b) request, in writing, a conference with the Board to be held within ten days, but not sooner than five business days, of the request to discuss the alternative proposal from the Board, unless a later date is agreed to in writing by the Board and the Investment Committee to discuss the disapproval as set forth in the Board's written response. Any such conference shall be conducted with at least three independent Investment Committee members present in person or by phone. Within ten days of the commencement of the conference or twenty days following the Investment Committee's request for a conference if no conference is held, the Investment Committee shall either withdraw the recommended Investment Management decision or provide the Board with a written explanation of the Investment Committee's decision to proceed with the recommended Investment Management decision. After delivery of such written explanation by the Investment Committee, the Investment Committee and the chief investment officer are authorized to implement the decision. Any action taken by the Board or the Investment Committee in violation of the terms of this Article 16 shall constitute an ultra vires act and the Investment Committee or the Board is granted the express right to seek to preliminarily enjoin such violation without the need to show irreparable harm.

Sec. 16.2. Investment Management

(1) For purposes of this Combined Plan, investment management decisions shall include:

- (a) development of an investment policy statement with sound and consistent investment goals, objectives, asset allocation and rebalancing guidelines, performance benchmarks for strategic asset allocation and such other aspects of investment policy as are consistent with the needs of the Retirement System;
- (b) within 120 days after the effective date of the Plan of Adjustment, placement of all of the assets of the Retirement System not already under qualified management with qualified investment managers selected by the Investment Committee;
- (c) evaluation, retention, termination and selection of qualified managers to invest and manage the Retirement System's assets;
- (d) review and affirmation or rejection of the correctness of any and all calculations, actuarial assumptions and/or assessments used by the Retirement System actuary including, but not limited to (i) those underlying the restoration of pension benefits, funding levels and amortization thereof, all in accordance with the pension restoration program attached to the Plan of Adjustment (as more fully described in Component II of this Combined Plan Document), (ii) those underlying the determination of annual funding levels and amortization thereof, and (iii) on or after fiscal year 2024, the recommended annual contributions to the Retirement System in accordance with applicable law;
- (e) in accordance with approved actuarial work as provided in paragraph (d) above and based on the annual actuarial valuation reports and any other projections or reports as applicable from the Retirement System's actuary or other professional advisors, the determination of the extent of restoration of pension benefits, including but not limited to the payment of lost COLA payments, all in conformance with the pension restoration program attached to the Plan of Adjustment;
- (f) communication of the Retirement System's investment goals, objectives, and standards to the investment managers, including any material changes that may subsequently occur;
- (g) determination and approval of the Retirement System's investment and asset allocation guidelines, taking into account the appropriate liquidity needs of the Retirement System;
- (h) periodic review and evaluation of the performance of the investment managers in context with established standards of performance, including restoration of benefits pursuant to Component II of the Retirement System;
- (i) the taking of corrective action deemed prudent and appropriate when an investment manager fails to perform as expected;
- (j) interpretation of Retirement System governing documents, existing law, the Plan of Adjustment and other financial information that could affect funding or benefit levels;
- (k) review and approval, prior to final issuance, the annual audit and all financial reports prepared on behalf of the Retirement System and meet and confer with the Retirement System's auditor or other professional advisors as necessary prior to approval of the annual audit or other financial reports;
- (l) determination of the funding status of the Retirement System and any remedial action to be taken pursuant to Section 9.5; and

- (m) causing an asset/liability valuation study to be performed for the Retirement System every three years or, more often, as deemed necessary or prudent by the Investment Committee or as requested by the Board.

All actions of the Investment Committee shall comply with the provisions of pertinent federal, state, and local laws and regulations, specifically *Public Act 314 and Plan Investment Guidelines*.

Sec. 16.3. Best Practices

Prior to adopting an investment policy and asset allocation policy, selecting investment managers or adopting investment return assumptions, the Investment Committee shall give appropriate consideration to the following:

- (a) the fiduciary best practices and institutional standards for the investment of public employee retirement system plan assets;
- (b) the objective to obtain investment returns above the established actuarial investment return assumption to support the restoration of benefits under the Plan of Adjustment, to the extent that it is prudent and consistent with the overall funding, liquidity needs and actuarial assumptions governing the Retirement System; and
- (c) the liquidity needs of the Retirement System.

Sec. 16.4. Chief Investment Officer

The Investment Committee shall have the exclusive power to select, retain and terminate the services of a chief investment officer for the Retirement System. The Investment Committee shall determine any and all compensation and other terms of employment of any chief investment officer hired by it. The chief investment officer shall report directly to the Investment Committee and the Executive Director of the Board. The chief investment officer shall be responsible for assisting the Investment Committee and the Board with respect to oversight of the Retirement System's investment portfolio. The chief investment officer shall provide such periodic reports relating to the Retirement System's assets to the Investment Committee and the Board as it or they shall request.

Sec. 16.5. Investment Consultants

The Board and/or Investment Committee may retain the services of one or more investment consultants who shall be responsible for assisting the Investment Committee and the Board with oversight of the Retirement System's investment portfolio. Any such investment consultant shall be a registered advisor with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and shall be a nationally recognized institutional investment consultant with expertise in the investment of public pension plan assets. Any such investment consultant shall acknowledge in writing its role as investment fiduciary with respect to the Retirement System as defined in the *Public Employee Retirement System Investment Act*, as amended, MCL 38.1132 *et seq.* The Board or the Investment Committee, as appropriate, shall determine the compensation and other terms of employment of any investment consultant hired by it. The duties of an investment consultant may include, but shall not be limited to:

- (a) providing an asset/liability valuation study for the Retirement System;
- (b) reviewing the Retirement System's asset allocation based on current market assumptions;

- (c) identifying and recommending to the Investment Committee and the Board appropriate investment strategies based on the financial condition of the Retirement System;
- (d) implementing the approved investment strategies, such as recommending to the Investment Committee, for Board approval, an asset allocation strategy, building an investment structure for the Retirement System, and identifying qualified investment managers (through an organized search process) to execute and implement investment strategies;
- (e) monitoring and evaluating the ongoing progress of the investment managers toward stated investment goals and objectives;
- (f) recommending to the Investment Committee and the Board any necessary corrective actions, including adjustments to the investment structure or investment management organizations in the event of a deviation from expectations;
- (g) communicating the investment policies of the Retirement System to the investment managers;
- (h) reviewing the investment policies with the appropriate employees of the Retirement System;
- (i) aiding the Investment Committee in providing recommendations on issues relating to rebalancing and cash flow management, securities lending, transition management, cash equalization and other investment related topics;
- (j) attending Investment Committee and Board meetings in person, or telephonically, as needed or as requested;
- (k) meeting with the Investment Committee to provide detailed quarterly performance reports and executive summaries of performance;
- (l) meeting with the Investment Committee and the Board to review capital markets and inform the Board and Retirement System employees on the current investment environment; and
- (m) meeting with the Investment Committee and the Board to provide recommendations on asset allocation, investment structure, and manger selections.

Sec. 16.6. Consistency With Plan of Adjustment

Nothing herein shall be interpreted as permitting the Investment Committee or the Board to alter or depart from the requirements set forth in the Plan of Adjustment.

ARTICLE 17 MISCELLANEOUS

Sec. 17.1. Nonduplication of Benefits

If any Member is a participant in another defined benefit pension plan, retirement system or annuity plan sponsored by the City (including Component II of this Retirement System) and the Member is or becomes entitled to accrue pension benefits under such plan or retirement system (including Component II of this Retirement System) with respect to any period of service for which he is entitled to accrue a benefit under Component I of this Retirement System, such Member shall not be eligible to accrue or receive payment of a benefit under Component I with respect to such period of service.

Sec. 17.2. Assignments Prohibited

The right of a person to a pension, annuity, the return of Accumulated Voluntary Employee Contributions and/or the return of Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contributions, the Retirement Allowance itself, to any optional form of benefit, to any other right accrued or accruing to any person under the provisions of this Retirement System, and the monies in the various funds of the Retirement System shall not be assignable and shall not be subject to execution, garnishment, attachment, the operation of bankruptcy or insolvency law, or any other process of law whatsoever, except as specifically provided in this Combined Plan Document or by an eligible domestic relations order of a lawful court.

Sec. 17.3. Protection Against Fraud

A person who, with intent to deceive, makes any statements or reports required under this Retirement System that are untrue, or who falsifies or permits to be falsified any record or records of this Retirement System, or who otherwise violates, with intent to deceive, any terms or provisions of the Retirement System, shall be subject to prosecution under applicable law.

Sec. 17.4. Conviction of Felony; Forfeiture of Rights

If a Member or Beneficiary shall be convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction of a felony or high misdemeanor involving moral turpitude committed during active Service, the Board shall have the power to order the forfeiture of all rights of the Member or Beneficiary to benefits hereunder, except the return of the Member's Accumulated Mandatory Employee Contributions and Accumulated Voluntary Employee Contributions.

Sec. 17.5. Amendment; Termination; Exclusive Benefit

The City reserves the right to amend the Combined Plan Document created hereunder at any time; such amendments may include termination of the Retirement System; provided, however, that following the effective date of the Plan of Adjustment, no amendment other than amendments required to comply with applicable federal law or the Plan of Adjustment may be made effective prior to July 1, 2023, nor may any amendment or termination deprive any Member, former Member or Beneficiary of any then vested benefit under the Retirement System, except as provided in a Plan of Adjustment. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the City and the Board have the authority to amend the Combined Plan Document as necessary to retain the tax qualified status of the Retirement System under the Internal Revenue Code. The City shall make no amendment or amendments to the Retirement System which causes any part of the assets of the Retirement System to be used for, or diverted to, any purpose other than the exclusive benefit of Members, former Members or their Beneficiaries; provided, that the City may make any amendment necessary, with or without retroactive effect, to comply with applicable federal law. Any amendment of the Retirement System by the City must be approved by the Council or a person

standing in the stead of the Council.

Upon termination of the Retirement System or upon complete discontinuance of contributions to the Retirement System, the rights of all Members to benefits accrued to the date of such termination or discontinuance, to the extent then funded, shall be nonforfeitable.

Sec. 17.6. Forfeitures Not to Increase Benefits

Any forfeitures arising under the Retirement System due to a Member's termination of employment or death, or for any other reason, shall be used to pay expenses of the Retirement System and shall not be applied to increase the benefits any Member would otherwise receive under the Retirement System at any time prior to termination of the Retirement System.

Sec. 17.7. Required Distributions - Compliance with Code Section 401(a)(9) and Regulations

The Retirement System will apply the minimum distribution requirements of Code Section 401(a)(9) in accordance with the final regulations issued thereunder, notwithstanding any provision in the Combined Plan Document to the contrary. Pursuant to Code Section 401(a)(9)(A)(ii), a Member's interest must begin to be distributed by the later of (i) the April 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year that he attains the Age of seventy and one-half (70-1/2), or (ii) April 1 of the calendar year following the year in which he retires. Distributions will be made in accordance with Regulations Sections 1.401(a)(9)-2 through 1.401(a)(9)-9. The provisions of this Section 17.7 and the regulations cited herein and incorporated by reference override any inconsistent plan distribution options.

Sec. 17.8. Direct Rollovers

- (1) For purposes of compliance with Code Section 401(a)(31), a distributee may elect, at the time and in the manner prescribed by the board, to have any portion of an eligible rollover distribution paid directly to an eligible retirement plan specified by the distributee in a direct rollover.
- (2) For purposes of this Section 17.8, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
 - (a) "Direct rollover" means a payment by the retirement system to an eligible retirement plan specified by a distributee.
 - (b) "Distributee" means a Member or former Member. It also includes the Member's or former Member's surviving spouse, a spouse or former spouse who is the alternate payee under an eligible domestic relations order, or a nonspouse beneficiary who is a designated beneficiary as defined by Code Section 401(a)(9)(E). However, a nonspouse beneficiary may only make a direct rollover to an individual retirement account or individual retirement annuity established for the purpose of receiving the distribution, and the account or annuity will be treated as an "inherited" individual retirement account or annuity.
 - (c) "Eligible retirement plan" means any of the following that accepts a distributee's eligible rollover distribution:
 - (i) a qualified trust described in Code Section 401(a);
 - (ii) an annuity plan described in Code Section 403(a);

- (iii) an annuity contract described in Code Section 403(b);
 - (iv) an individual retirement account described in Code Section 408(a);
 - (v) an individual retirement annuity described in Code Section 408(b);
 - (vi) a Roth IRA described in Code Section 408A; or
 - (vii) a plan eligible under Code Section 457(b) that is maintained by a state, political subdivision of a state, or any agency or instrumentality of a state or a political subdivision of a state that agrees to separately account for amounts transferred into that plan from the retirement system.
- (d) “Eligible rollover distribution” means any distribution of all or any portion of the balance to the credit of a distributee under the retirement system, except that an eligible rollover distribution does not include: any distribution that is one of a series of substantially equal periodic payments (not less frequently than annually) made for the life (or the life expectancy) of the distributee or the joint lives (or joint life expectancies) of the distributee and the distributee’s designated beneficiary, or for a specified period of ten years or more; any distribution to the extent such distribution is required under Code Section 401(a)(9); the portion of any distribution that is not includible in gross income; and any other distribution which the Internal Revenue Service does not consider eligible for rollover treatment, such as any distribution that is reasonably expected to total less than \$200 during the year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a portion of a distribution will not fail to be an “eligible rollover distribution” merely because the portion consists of after-tax contributions that are not includible in Member’s gross income upon distribution from the retirement system. However, such portion may be transferred only (i) to an individual retirement account or annuity described in Code Section 408(a) or (b) or to a qualified defined contribution plan described in Code Section 401(a) that agrees to separately account for amounts so transferred (and earnings thereon), including separately accounting for the portion of the distribution that is includible in gross income and the portion of the distribution that is not so includible; (ii) to a qualified defined benefit plan described in Code Section 401(a) or to an annuity contract described in Code Section 403(b) that agrees to separately account for amounts so transferred (and earnings thereon), including separately accounting for the portion of the distribution that is includible in gross income and the portion of the distribution that is not so includible; or (iii) to a Roth IRA described in Code Section 408A.

Sec. 17.9. Construction

Words in the singular should be read and construed as though used in the plural, and words in the plural should be read and construed as though used in the singular, where appropriate. The words “hereof”, “herein”, and “hereunder” and other similar compounds of the word “here”, shall mean and refer to Component I of this Combined Plan Document and not to any particular provision or section thereof. The table of contents, article and section headings are included for convenience of reference, and are not intended to add to, or subtract from, the terms of the Combined Plan Document or the Retirement System created hereunder.

Sec. 17.10. Severability

If any section or part of a section of this Combined Plan Document or provision relating to the

Retirement System is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of the remaining sections of the Combined Plan Document or Retirement System or of the Combined Plan Document or Retirement System in its entirety.

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EXHIBIT I.A.248.b

PRINCIPAL TERMS OF NEW PFRS ACTIVE PENSION PLAN

NEW PFRS ACTIVE PENSION PLAN -- MATERIAL TERMS

1. Benefit Formula:
 - a. Detroit Fire Fighters Association Employees
 - i. $\text{FAC (average base compensation over last 10 consecutive years of employment)} \times \text{Years of Service earned after June 30, 2014} \times 2.0\%$.
Average base compensation means no overtime, no unused sick leave, no longevity or any other form of bonus – just employee's base salary.
 - b. Detroit Police Command Officers Association Employees
 - i. $\text{FAC (average base compensation over last 5 consecutive years of employment)} \times \text{Years of Service earned after June 30, 2014} \times 2.0\%$.
Average base compensation means no overtime, no unused sick leave, no longevity or any other form of bonus – just employee's base salary.
 - c. Detroit Police Officers Association Employees
 - i. $\text{FAC (average base compensation over last 5 consecutive years of employment)} \times \text{Years of Service earned after June 30, 2014} \times 2.0\%$.
Average base compensation means no overtime, no unused sick leave, no longevity or any other form of bonus – just employee's base salary.
 - d. Detroit Police Lieutenants and Sergeants Association Employees
 - i. $\text{FAC (average base compensation over last 5 consecutive years of employment)} \times \text{Years of Service earned after June 30, 2014} \times 2.0\%$.
Average base compensation means no overtime, no unused sick leave, no longevity or any other form of bonus – just employee's base salary.
2. Actual time for benefit accrual is actual time served. For vesting service, 1,000 hours in a 12 month period to earn a year of service.
3. Normal Retirement Age
 - a. Detroit Fire Fighters Association Employees
 - i. age 52 with 25 years of service
 - b. Detroit Police Command Officers Association Employees
 - i. age 50 with 25 years of service, with the following 7 year transition period:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Age and Service</u>
2015	Age 43 and 20 years
2016	Age 43 and 20 years
2017	Age 44 and 21 years
2018	Age 45 and 22 years
2019	Age 46 and 23 years
2020	Age 47 and 24 years
2021 and thereafter	Age 50 and 25 years

- c. Detroit Police Officers Association Employees
 - i. age 50 with 25 years of service with the 7 year transition period described in paragraph 3b
- d. Detroit Police Lieutenants and Sergeants Association Employees
 - age 50 with 25 years of service, with the 7 year transition period described in paragraph 3b
- 4. 10 Years of Service for vesting.
- 5. Deferred vested pension -- 10 years of service and age 55.
- 6. Duty Disability - consistent with current PFRS
- 7. Non-Duty Disability – consistent with current PFRS
- 8. Non-Duty Death Benefit for Surviving Spouse – consistent with current PFRS
- 9. Duty Death Benefit for Surviving Spouse – consistent with current PFRS
- 10. COLA
 - a. Detroit Fire Fighters Association Employees
 - i. no COLA
 - b. Detroit Police Command Officers Association Employees
 - i. 1% compounded, variable
 - c. Detroit Police Officers Association Employees
 - i. 1% compounded, variable
 - d. Detroit Police Lieutenants and Sergeants Association Employees
 - i. 1% compounded, variable
- 11. DROP Accounts
 - a. Detroit Fire Fighters Association Employees
 - i. no future payments into DROP.
 - b. Detroit Police Command Officers Association Employees
 - i. available for existing and future accrued benefits for employees who are eligible to retire under concurrent eligibility requirements. No more than 5 years of DROP participation for employees not already in DROP. DROP accounts will be managed by the PFRS instead of ING, if administratively and legally feasible. If managed by PFRS, interest will be credited to DROP accounts at a rate equal to 75% of the actual net investment return of PFRS, but in no event lower than 0% or higher than 7.75%.

- c. Detroit Police Officers Association Employees
 - i. available for existing and future accrued benefits for employees who are eligible to retire under concurrent eligibility requirements. No more than 5 years of DROP participation for employees not already in DROP. DROP accounts will be managed by the PFRS instead of ING, if administratively and legally feasible. If managed by PFRS, interest will be credited to DROP accounts at a rate equal to 75% of the actual net investment return of PFRS, but in no event lower than 0% or higher than 7.75%.
 - d. Detroit Police Lieutenants and Sergeants Association Employees
 - i. available for existing and future accrued benefits for employees who are eligible to retire under concurrent eligibility requirements. No more than 5 years of DROP participation for employees not already in DROP. DROP accounts will be managed by the PFRS instead of ING, if administratively and legally feasible. If managed by PFRS, interest will be credited to DROP accounts at a rate equal to 75% of the actual net investment return of PFRS, but in no event lower than 0% or higher than 7.75%.
- 12. Annuity Savings Fund
 - a. Detroit Fire Fighters Association Employees
 - i. no future Annuity Savings Fund contributions.
 - b. Detroit Police Command Officers Association Employees
 - i. voluntary Annuity Savings Fund contributions up to 10% of after-tax pay. Interest will be credited at the actual net investment rate of return for PFRS, but will in no event be lower than 0% or higher than 5.25%. No in-service withdrawals permitted.
 - c. Detroit Police Officers Association Employees
 - i. voluntary Annuity Savings Fund contributions up to 10% of after-tax pay. Interest will be credited at the actual net investment rate of return for PFRS, but will in no event be lower than 0% or higher than 5.25%. No in-service withdrawals permitted.
 - d. Detroit Police Lieutenants and Sergeants Association Employees
 - i. voluntary Annuity Savings Fund contributions up to 10% of after-tax pay. Interest will be credited at the actual net investment rate of return for PFRS, but will in no event be lower than 0% or higher than 5.25%. No in-service withdrawals permitted.
- 13. Investment Return/Discount rate – 6.75%
- 14. City Contributions
 - a. Detroit Fire Fighters Association Employees

- i. 11.2% of the base compensation of eligible employees. A portion of such contribution (not less than 1% of base compensation) will be credited to a rate stabilization fund.
 - b. Detroit Police Command Officers Association Employees
 - i. 12.25% of the base compensation of eligible employees. A portion of such contribution will be credited to a rate stabilization fund.
 - c. Detroit Police Officers Association Employees
 - i. 11.2% of the base compensation of eligible employees for payroll periods beginning prior to the effective date of the collective bargaining agreement. 12.25% of the base compensation of eligible employees for payroll periods beginning after the effective date of the collective bargaining agreement. A portion of such contribution will be credited to a rate stabilization fund.
 - d. Detroit Police Lieutenants and Sergeants Association Employees
 - i. 12.25% of the base compensation of eligible employees. A portion of such contribution will be credited to a rate stabilization fund.
- 15. Employee Contributions – Employees hired before July 1, 2014 (current actives) will contribute 6% of base compensation (pre-risk shifting); employees hired on or after July 1, 2014 (new employees) will contribute 8% of base compensation (pre-risk shifting). Maximum employee contributions of 10% (current actives) and 12% (new employees).
- 16. Risk Shifting:
 - a. If the funding level is less than 90% (using the fair market value of assets), COLAs will be eliminated (to the extent applicable).
 - b. If the funding level is 90% or lower (using the fair market value of assets and a 3-year look back period), the following corrective actions will be taken in the order listed below, until the actuary can state that by virtue of the use of corrective action, and a 6.75% discount rate and return assumption, the funding level is projected to be 100% on a market value basis within the next 5 years:
 - i. eliminate COLAs (if applicable);
 - ii. use amounts credited to the rate stabilization fund to fund accrued benefits;
 - iii. increase employee contributions by 1% per year (6% to 7% for current actives and 8% to 9% for new employees) for up to 5 years;
 - iv. increase employee contributions (active and new employees) by an additional 1% per year;
 - v. increase employee contributions (active and new employees) by an additional 1% per year;
 - vi. implement a 1 year COLA fallback;
 - vii. implement a second 1 year COLA fallback;
 - viii. increase employee contributions by an additional 1% per year; and

- ix. increase City contributions consistent with applicable actuarial principles and PERSIA.

EXHIBIT I.A.252

NOTICE OF COP SETTLEMENT ACCEPTANCE

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

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In re	:	Chapter 9
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CITY OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN,	:	Case No. 13-53846
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Debtor.	:	Hon. Steven W. Rhodes
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NOTICE OF COP SETTLEMENT ACCEPTANCE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. On September 15, 2014, the City of Detroit (the "City"), filed the Seventh Amended Plan for the Adjustment of Debts of the City of Detroit (Docket No. ____) (the "Seventh Amended Plan").¹

2. Section II.B.3.p.iii.A of the Seventh Amended Plan provides as follows: "Each holder of a COP Claim may settle issues related to the allowance and treatment thereof and become a Settling COP Claimant as to all of the COP Claims held by such holder and its Affiliates by submitting to the City a Notice of COP Settlement Acceptance prior to the Effective Date." Seventh Amended Plan, at § II.B.3.p.iii.A (the "Plan COP Settlement").

¹ Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein have the meanings given to them in the Seventh Amended Plan.

3. The undersigned Holder of the COP Claim(s) identified below hereby accepts the terms of the Plan COP Settlement as set forth in the Seventh Amended Plan and elects, by this notice, to become a Settling COP Claimant. This notice shall constitute a Notice of COP Settlement Acceptance as such term is defined in the Seventh Amended Plan.

4. To submit this notice to the City, you must deliver it by overnight delivery service, facsimile transmission, courier service or messenger to:

David G. Heiman, Esq.
Heather Lennox, Esq.
Thomas A. Wilson, Esq.
JONES DAY
North Point
901 Lakeside Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44114
Telephone: (216) 586-3939
Facsimile: (216) 579-0212

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Claim Number(s) of COP Claim(s): _____

Become a Settling COP Claimant with respect to \$_____ in principal amount of COPs.

EXHIBIT I.A.275

PRIOR GRS PENSION PLAN

**COMBINED PLAN
FOR THE
GENERAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
OF THE
CITY OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

Effective July 1, 2014

COMPONENT II

This Component II of the Combined Plan For the General Retirement System of the City of Detroit, Michigan is intended to memorialize the documentation for the General Retirement System of the City of Detroit as it existed on June 30, 2014.

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ARTICLE A. [FORMERLY ARTICLE I. COMMON PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM. [*]]

Sec. A-1. [Formerly Sec. 47-1-1. Certain ordinances and Charter provisions saved from repeal.]

Nothing in this Code or in Ordinance No. 593-H¹ shall be deemed to repeal the General Retirement System of the City of Detroit as provided by ordinance or Charter, or to contradict the provisions of Article IX, Section 24 of the 1963 Michigan Constitution.² All existing sections of the 1918, 1974 and 1997 Detroit City Charters and the 1964 Detroit City Code, as amended, relating to the General Retirement System shall remain in full force and effect, until specifically amended or repealed by ordinance.

(Ord. No. 29-01, § 1, 11-30-01)

Sec. A-2. [Formerly Sec. 47-1-2. General Retirement System Established.³]

A General Retirement System for the employees of the City of Detroit is hereby established for the purpose of providing retirement and survivor benefits for eligible City employees and their beneficiaries. The effective date of this system is July 1, 1938.

(Ord. No. 29-01, § 1, 11-30-01)

Sec. A-3. [Formerly Sec. 47-1-3. Board of trustees; created.⁴]

A Board of Trustees of the General Retirement System is hereby created. The Board is vested with the general administration, management and responsibility for the proper operation of the System, and for making effective the provisions of chapter.

(Ord. No. 29-01, § 1, 11-30-01)

Sec. A-4. [Formerly Sec. 47-1-4. Board of Trustees; Membership; Appointment; Election.⁵]

The Board of the General Retirement System shall consist of ten Trustees, as follows:

- (1) The Mayor, *ex officio*, or the Mayor's alternate;
- (2) One City Council Member, *ex officio*, who is selected by that body⁶;
- (3) The City Treasurer, *ex officio*;
- (4) Five members of the Retirement System to be elected by the members of the Retirement System in accordance with such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Board. No more than one Trustee shall be elected from any one City Department;
- (5) One Detroit resident, appointed by the Mayor subject to the approval of the Board, who is neither an employee of the City nor is eligible to receive benefits under the Retirement System; and
- (6) One retiree who is receiving benefits under the Retirement System and who is elected by retired City employees in accordance with procedures established by Section 47-1-5

(Ord. No. 29-01, § 1, 11-30-01; Ord. No. 28-06, § 1, 9-13-06)

By Agreement

The membership of the Board of Trustees of the General Retirement System (GRS) shall be changed to consist of 11 trustees as follows:

- (1) The Mayor, ex-officio or designee.
- (2) The President of the City Council, ex-officio.
- (3) The City Treasurer, ex-officio.
- (4) The Budget Director, ex-officio.
- (5) The Finance Director, ex-officio.
- (6) The Human Resources Director, ex-officio.
- (7) Three members of the retirement system to be elected by the members of the retirement system, under such rules and regulations as may be from time to time adopted by City Council; except that no more than one trustee shall be from any one department.
- (8) The Mayor shall appoint, subject to the approval of City Council, as a trustee, an individual with a background in investment and/or municipal finance.
- (9) The Mayor shall appoint, subject to the approval of City Council, a retiree who is receiving benefits under the retirement system.

The City reserves the right to change the composition, structure and decision making procedures of the Board.^a

Effective August 1, 1999, or the earliest date thereafter when all required agreements are reached between the City and other parties **[or Effective July 1, 2003^b**, the membership of the General Retirement System, Board of Trustees (Article II, Section 2, Subjection (1)) shall be modified to provide that one of the trustees is: "The Mayor of the City or his/her designated representative, ex-officio. Such designated person shall be a full time appointive or classified City employee."^c **[or "The Mayor of the City or his/her designated representative, ex-officio."^d**]

DWSD and the Union acknowledge that they do not control the Retirement Board composition.^e

Sec. A-5. [Formerly Sec. 47-1-5. Board of Trustees; Retiree Member Election.⁷

The procedures for the election of the Retiree Member of the Board of Trustees shall be as follows:

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- ^a CBA-1 (§ 43.Q.), CBA-2 (§ 35.S.), CET-1 (§ 49), CET-2 (§ 47.Q.), CET-3 (§40).
- ^b CBA-11 (§ 39.S.).
- ^c CBA-3 (§ 46.P.), CBA-4 (§ 15.Q.), CBA-5 (§ 20.R.), CBA-6 (§ 26.R.), CBA-7 (§ 26.Q.), CBA-8 (§ 25.P.), CBA-10 (§ 33.Q.), CBA-11 (§ 39.S.), Reopener-2 (§ 25.P.), Reopener-3 (§ 39.R.), Reopener-4 (§ 20.R.).
- ^d CBA-9 (§ 31.S.), Reopener-1 (§ 31.S.).
- ^e CBA-10 (§ 33.V.).

- (1) *Notice.* Notice of a primary election shall be sent to each retiree of the System by United States Mail.
- (2) *Nominating petitions.* No candidate's name shall be placed on the primary election ballot unless a nominating petition containing the signatures of at least one hundred and twenty-five retirees of the Retirement System is filed with the Secretary of the Board. The form of the nominating petition, the filing of the petition, and the procedure for verification of signatures shall be in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Board.
- (3) *Ballot.* Each candidate whose name appears on the ballot at any election held for the office of Retiree Trustee shall be identified by the title of the position held at the time of retirement and the word "incumbent" if the candidate is a current trustee seeking re-election. No ballot shall contain any organizational or political designation or mark. Rotation and arrangement of names on the ballot shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Board.
- (4) *Voting.* Procedures regarding mailing of ballots, poll lists, custody of ballots, marking of ballots, return of ballots, handling of return envelopes received, and sealed ballot boxes shall be the same procedures as adopted and followed by the Board in the immediately preceding election of an Active Employee Trustee.
- (5) *Procedures.* Procedures regarding the selection and certification of successful candidates for nomination, the selection of Trustees from nominees, tie votes, and the destruction of ballots shall be the same procedures as adopted and followed by the Board in the immediately preceding election of an Active Employee Trustee.
- (6) Any matters relative to the election of the Retiree Member of the Board not covered by this Section shall be according to such rules and regulations as the Board may adopt.

(Ord. No. 29-01, § 1, 11-30-01)

Sec. A-6. [Formerly Sec. 47-1-6. Board of Trustees; term.⁸]

The regular term of office for the Elected Member Trustees and the Appointed Detroit Resident Trustee shall be for a period of six years, one such Trustee to be elected or appointed, as the case may be, each year. The term of office for the Retiree Trustee shall be two years.

(Ord. No. 29-01, § 1, 11-30-01)

Sec. A-7. [Formerly Sec. 47-1-7. Board of Trustees; vacancies.⁹]

If a Trustee leaves the employ of the City, or if an elected or appointed Trustee fails to attend four consecutive scheduled Board meetings without being excused for cause by the Trustees attending such meetings, the Trustee shall be considered to have resigned from the Board. By resolution, the Board shall declare the office vacated as of the date of adoption of such resolution. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Trustee, the vacancy shall be filled at the next regular election held by the Board, or at any special election ordered by resolution adopted by the Board.

(Ord. No. 29-01, § 1, 11-30-01)

Sec. A-8. [Formerly Sec. 47-1-8. Board of Trustees; meeting attendance; compensation.¹⁰]

- (a) *Attendance at a Board meeting* shall include conducting Board business on a meeting date or being otherwise available to attend a Board meeting canceled for lack of a quorum.
- (b) *Elected and Appointed Citizen Trustees.* Effective July 1, 2000, elected and Appointed Citizen Trustees are eligible for a weekly meeting stipend, provided the Trustee attends one or more regular or special Board meetings during a week. The stipend amount shall be a minimum of sixty-seven dollars (\$67.00) per week

multiplied by the Trustee's years of service. Eligibility rules and the amount of the stipend shall be set by Board resolution. However, the amount of the weekly meeting stipend shall not exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

- (c) *Elected Active Employee Trustees.* Effective July 1, 2000, elected active employee Trustees are eligible for a quarterly service stipend if such Trustee attends a minimum of nine meetings in a quarter. The stipend amount shall be a minimum of eight hundred and thirty-three dollars (\$833.00) per quarter multiplied by the Trustee's years of service. Eligibility rules and the amount of the stipend shall be set by Board resolution. However, the amount of the quarterly service stipend shall not exceed twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) per quarter.
- (d) Stipends paid under this Section 47-1-8 of this Code shall be considered as ordinary income for tax and pension purposes.
- (e) *Ex Officio Trustees* are not eligible for a stipend payment.

(Ord. No. 29-01, § 1, 11-30-01)

Sec. A-9. [Formerly Sec. 47-1-9. Board of Trustees; Oath of Office.¹¹]

Within ten days after appointment or election, each Trustee shall take an oath of office to be administered by the Detroit City Clerk.

(Ord. No. 29-01, § 1, 11-30-01)

Sec. A-10. [Formerly Sec. 47-1-10. Board of Trustees; Meetings; Rules of Procedure; Votes; Quorum.¹²]

- (a) The Board shall hold regular weekly meetings, and shall designate the time and place thereof in advance. The Board shall adopt its own rules of procedure and shall keep a record of proceedings. All meetings of the Board shall be public and are subject to the *Michigan Open Meetings Act*, MCL 15.261 *et seq.*
- (b) Each Trustee shall be entitled to one vote on each question before the Board. Five Trustees shall constitute a quorum. A majority vote of the Trustees present shall be necessary for a decision by the Trustees at any meeting of the Board.

(Ord. No. 29-01, § 1, 11-30-01)

Sec. A-11. [Formerly Sec. 47-1-11. Board of Trustees; Rules for Administration of the Pension System.¹³]

In accordance with the provisions of this Article, the Board shall establish rules and regulations for the administration of the system and for the transaction of its business.

(Ord. No. 29-01, § 1, 11-30-01)

Sec. A-12. [Formerly Sec. 47-1-12. Board of Trustees; Officers and Employees.¹⁴]

The Board shall elect a chair and vice-chair from its members. The finance director or the director's designee shall be the *ex officio* secretary of the Board. The Board may employ such special actuarial, medical and other employees as shall be required, subject to the *Public Employee Retirement System Investment Act*, as amended, being MCL 38.1132 *et seq.*

(Ord. No. 29-01, § 1, 11-30-01)

Sec. A-13. [Formerly Sec. 47-1-13. Board of Trustees; certain data to be kept.¹⁵]

The Board shall keep or cause to be kept such data as is necessary for an actuarial valuation of the System and for checking and compiling the experience of the System.

(Ord. No. 29-01, § 1, 11-30-01)

Sec. A-14. [Formerly Sec. 47-1-14. Board of Trustees; Record of Proceedings; Annual Report.¹⁶]

The Board shall keep a record of its proceedings which shall be open to public inspection. On or before January fifteenth of each year, the Board shall send a report to the mayor and to the council showing the system's fiscal transactions for the year ending the preceding June thirtieth, and the balances in the various funds of the System. The Board shall produce or cause to be produced an annual actuarial valuation of the System's assets and liabilities.

(Ord. No. 29-01, § 1, 11-30-01)

Sec. A-15. [Formerly Sec. 47-1-15. Board of Trustees; Legal Counsel.¹⁷]

- (a) The Board shall appoint a Legal Counsel who shall be directly responsible to and hold office at the pleasure of the Board. The Legal Counsel to the Board shall be an attorney licensed to practice in Michigan who is experienced in matters relating to pension systems.
- (b) The Legal Counsel to the Board shall have such duties relative to pension matters as are assigned by the Board.
- (c) Costs and expenses relative to the position of Legal Counsel to the Board shall be payable out of the earnings of the system, subject to the provisions of the *Public Employee Retirement System Investment Act*, as amended, being MCL 38.1132 *et seq.*

(Ord. No. 29-01, § 1, 11-30-01)

Sec. A-16. [Formerly Sec. 47-1-16. Board of Trustees; Medical Director.¹⁸]

- (a) The Board shall appoint a Medical Director who is directly responsible to and shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board. The Medical Director shall be a physician who has not at any time been regularly or permanently employed by any department, board, or commission of the City, county, or state, has not held an elective, appointive, or salaried office in any city, county, or state government at any time, and is not eligible to participate in the City Pension System. However, service as an intern in any city, county, or state hospital or sanitarium and service in any state military body shall not disqualify a physician for appointment as Medical Director.
- (b) The Medical Director shall arrange for and pass upon all medical examinations required under the provisions of this article, and shall report in writing to the Board of Trustees his or her conclusions and recommendations on medical matters referred.

(Ord. No. 29-01, § 1, 11-30-01)

Sec. A-17. [Formerly Sec. 47-1-17. Board of Trustees; Designation of Actuary.¹⁹]

The Board shall designate an actuary who shall be the technical advisor to the Board on matters regarding the operation of the system, and who shall perform such other duties as are required.

(Ord. No. 29-01, § 1, 11-30-01)

Sec. A-18. [Formerly Sec. 47-1-18. Board of Trustees; Adoption of Mortality and Other Tables of Experience and Rates of Interest; Limitations on Payments By Retirement System.²⁰]

- (a) The Board shall adopt such mortality and other tables of experience, and a rate or rates of regular interest, as shall be necessary for the operation of the System on an actuarial basis, provided that the authority granted by this section shall not permit or be used to provide for an interest rate which would violate the prohibitions of Subsections (b) and (c) of this section or the plan for the adjustment of debts of the City of Detroit, as confirmed by an order of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan in the City's chapter 9 bankruptcy case (*In re City of Detroit, Michigan*, Case No. 13-53846).
- (b) The Retirement System and the trustees charged with management of the System shall not make any payment to active or retired participants other than payments that are required by the Retirement System plan as established by this Code to govern the System or the plan for the adjustment of debts of the City of Detroit, as confirmed by an order of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan in the City's chapter 9 bankruptcy case (*In re City of Detroit, Michigan*, Case No. 13-53846). This prohibition applies to all payments that are not authorized by this Code, whether such payments be those commonly referred to as a "thirteenth check" or by any other name.
- (c) The Retirement System and the trustees charged with management of the System shall not provide any savings plan, annuity plan, or other participant investment or savings vehicle that provides an annual return to investing participants which in any year is greater than the actual investment return net of expenses of the Retirement System invested reserves for the year in which the return is earned and accrued, *provided that* such return shall neither be greater than the assumed annual return as expressed in the Retirement System's valuation for that year nor less than zero. This prohibition shall apply to all annual returns credited to accounts of investing members in the Annuity Savings Fund of the Defined Contribution Plan of 1973 from the effective date of Ordinance 37-11 to June 30, 2014. Notwithstanding anything in this section to the contrary, effective for plan years beginning on and after July 1, 2014, the annual rate of return credited to a member's account in the Annuity Savings Fund of the 1973 Defined Contribution Plan shall be no less than zero and no greater than the lesser of (i) 5.25% or (ii) the actual investment return net of expenses of the Retirement System's invested reserves for the second fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year in which the annual return is credited.

(Ord. No. 18-14, Sec. 47-1-18; Ord. No. 29-01, § 1, 11-30-01; Ord. No. 37-11, § 1, 11-29-11)

Sec. A-19. [Formerly Sec. 47-1-19. Board of Trustees; Periodic Actuarial Experience Study.²¹]

At least once every five years, the Board shall cause an actuarial experience study to be made of the mortality, service, and compensation experience of the System's members, retirees and beneficiaries.

(Ord. No. 29-01, § 1, 11-30-01)

Sec. A-20. [Formerly Sec. 47-1-20. Board of Trustees; Annual Actuarial Valuation of Assets and Liabilities.²²]

Each year, on the basis of such mortality and other tables of experience, and such rate or rates of regular interest as the Board shall adopt, the Board shall cause to be made an actuarial valuation of the assets and liabilities of the System.

(Ord. No. 29-01, § 1, 11-30-01)

Sec. A-21. [Formerly Sec. 47-1-21. Definitions.²³]

Unless a different definition is contained within Section 47-3-2 of this Code, or a different meaning is plainly required by context, for purposes of this Chapter the following words and phrases have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:

*Accrued Service*²⁴ means a member's credited service for employment rendered before the date of an actuarial valuation of the Retirement System.

*Accumulated Contributions*²⁵ means the sum of all amounts deducted from the compensation of a member and credited to the member's individual account in the Annuity's Savings Fund, together with regular interest thereon.

*Administrative Board of Trustees*²⁶ means the Board of Trustees of the General Retirement System.

*Administrative Rules and Regulations*²⁷ means rules and regulations promulgated by the Administrative Board of Trustees pursuant to Section 47-1-11²⁸ of this Code for the administration of the System and for the transaction of its business.

*Age, Attainment of*²⁹ means the age an individual reaches on the day of his or her birthday.

*Annuity*³⁰ means the portion of the retirement allowance which is paid for by a member's accumulated contributions.

*Annuity Reserve*³¹ means the present value of all payments to be made on account of any annuity or benefit in lieu of any annuity. Such annuity reserve shall be computed upon the basis of such mortality table and regular interest as shall be adopted by the Board.

*Average Final Compensation*³² means:

- (1) *On or before June 30, 1992.* For those members who retired or separated from active service with vested pension rights on or before June 30, 1992, the highest average compensation received by a member during any period of five consecutive years of credited service selected by the member from the ten years of credited service which immediately precede the date of the member's last termination of City employment. If a member has less than five years of credited service, the Average Final Compensation shall be the average of the annual compensation received during the members total years of credited service.
- (2) *On or after July 1, 1992 but before July 1, 1998.* For those members who retired or separated from active service with vested pension rights on or after July 1, 1992 but before July 1, 1998, the highest average compensation received by a member during any period of four consecutive years of credited service selected by the member from the ten years of credited service which immediately precede the date of the member's last termination of City employment. If a member has less than four years of credited service, the Average Final Compensation shall be the average of the annual compensation received during the member's total years of credited service.
- (3) *On or after July 1, 1998.* For those members who retire or separate from active service with vested pension rights on or after July 1, 1998, the highest average compensation received by a member during any period of three consecutive years of credited service selected by the member from the ten years of credited service which immediately precede the date of the member's last termination of City employment. If a member has less than three years of credited service, the Average Final Compensation shall be the average of the annual compensation received during the member's total years of credited service.
- (4) *On or after July 1, 1999.* For those members with a regular or early service retirement who retire on or after July 1, 1999, in computing the highest average compensation received by a member, the member shall have the option of adding the value of twenty-five percent (25%) of the member's unused accrued sick leave at the time of retirement to the earnings used in computing the Average Final Compensation. Any member choosing to exercise this option shall be entitled to receive a lump sum payment of the value of twenty-five percent (25%) of the member's unused accrued sick leave at the time of retirement.

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Effective for bargaining unit members who retire on or after July 1, 1999, they shall have the option to (1) select the Unused Sick Leave On Retirement payment benefit provided for in the bargaining agreement, or (2) choose to receive payment of one-quarter (1/4) of their unused sick time and have that sum included in the average final compensation calculation used to compute the membership service pension portion of their retirement allowance.^f **[For any member choosing to exercise this option the lump sum payment the member will receive will be the remaining value of the unused accrued sick leave bank as provided in the bargaining agreement.^g]**

Effective for bargaining unit members who retire on or after July 1, 2012 **[or July 1, 1999^h]**, they shall have the Unused Sick Leave On Retirement payment benefit provided for in the bargaining agreement.ⁱ

*Beneficiary*³³ means any person who is entitled to receive a retirement allowance or pension payable from funds of the General Retirement System.³⁴

*Board of Trustees or Board*³⁵ means the Board of Trustees of the General Retirement System as provided in Section 47-1-4 ³⁶ of this Code.

*City*³⁷ means the City of Detroit, Michigan, a municipal corporation.

*City Council or Council*³⁸ means the legislative body of the City.

*Compensation*³⁹ means:

- (1) *On or before June 30, 1992.* For those members retired or separated from active service with vested pension rights, on or before June 30, 1992, all remuneration, *excluding* longevity payments, paid to a member because of personal services rendered by the member to the employer. Compensation in excess of the limitations set forth in Section 401(a)(17)⁴⁰ of the Internal Revenue Code shall be disregarded.
- (2) *On or after July 1, 1992.* For those members who retire on or after July 1, 1992, all remuneration, *including* longevity payments, paid to a member because of personal services rendered by the member to the employer. Compensation in excess of the limitations set forth in Section 401(a)(17)⁴¹ of the Internal Revenue Code shall be disregarded.

Conversion means that date on which a member's benefits change from disability retirement benefits to normal retirement benefits.

*Credited Service*⁴² means membership service credited to a member to the extent provided in this Article.

*1998 Defined Contribution Plan Implementation Date*⁴³ means that date after the Plan is established on which it is open for participation by eligible members.

*Detroit General Retirement System or DGRS*⁴⁴ means the General Retirement System of the City of Detroit established under Section 47-1-2 of this Code which consists of:

- (1) The *Defined Benefit Plan*, which plan is a qualified plan and trust pursuant to applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code;

^f CBA-3 (§ 46.G.), CBA-4 (§ 15.I.), CBA-5 (§ 20.I.), CBA-6 (§ 26.I.), CBA-7 (§ 26.H.), CBA-8 (§ 25.G.), CBA-9 (§ 31.I.), CBA-10 (§ 33.I.), CBA-11 (§ 39.I.), Reopener-1 (§ 31.I.), Reopener-2 (§ 25.G.), Reopener-3 (§ 39.I.), Reopener-4 (§ 20.I.).

^g CBA-4 (§ 15.I.), CBA-5 (§ 20.I.), CBA-6 (§ 26.I.), CBA-7 (§ 26.H.), CBA-9 (§ 31.I.), CBA-10 (§ 33.I.), Reopener-1 (§ 31.I.), Reopener-3 (§ 39.I.), Reopener-4 (§ 20.I.).

^h CET-1 (§ 48.I.).

ⁱ CBA-1 (§ 43.H.), CBA-2 (§ 35.J.), CET-1 (§ 48.I.), CET-2 (§ 47.H.).

- (2) The *1973 Defined Contribution Plan*, which Plan is a qualified plan and trust pursuant to applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code; and
- (3) The 1998 Defined Contribution Plan. A Defined Contribution Plan, which is hereby designated the 1998 Defined Contribution Plan, the components of which are the
 - a. Employee Contribution Account,
 - b. The Employee Rollover Account,
 - c. The Employer Contribution Account, and
 - d. The Annuity Savings Account,

all of which constitute the 1998 Defined Contribution Plan Retirement Trust, which Plan is intended to be a qualified plan and trust pursuant to applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code.

*Employee*⁴⁵ means any regular and/or permanent officer, agent, or person in the employ of the employer, as defined in this section, but does not include:

- (1) Individuals whose City services are compensated on a contractual or fee basis;
- (2) Persons who are employed in positions normally requiring less than six hundred hours of work per annum; or
- (3) The medical director of the pension system.

*Employer*⁴⁶ means the City, or any board, commission, or court serving the City, to the extent that both the City, through the action of City Council, and the governing authority of such board, commission or court, shall mutually agree to include the employees of such board, commission, or court, as City employees under the provisions of this Chapter at such time as they are eligible. To the extent that any employees of a board, commission, or court are considered City employees for this purpose, all employees of such board, commission, or court, shall be so included. However, only City board members and commissioners who are also employees of the City are eligible to be included, unless otherwise specifically provided for by an ordinance passed or a resolution adopted by the Council. In all cases of doubt, the Board of Trustees shall decide who is an employee within the meaning of the provisions of this Article.

*Final Compensation*⁴⁷ means a member's annual rate of compensation at the time City employment is last terminated.

*Member*⁴⁸ means any employee who has not retired.

*Notice to Members, Beneficiaries, and Retirees*⁴⁹ means a mailing using First Class United States Mail to the members, beneficiaries, and retirees at their last known address.

*Pension*⁵⁰ means the portion of a retirement allowance which is paid for by appropriations made by the City into the appropriate funds.

*Pension Reserve*⁵¹ means the present value of all payments to be made on account of any pension, or benefit in lieu of any pension. Such pension reserve shall be computed upon the basis of such mortality and other tables of experience, and regular interest, as shall be adopted by the Board.

*Regular Interest*⁵² means such rate or rates per annum, compounded annually, as the Board of Trustees shall determine in accordance with the limitations contained in Section 47-1-18 of this Code.

*Retiree*⁵³ means a former member who is receiving a retirement allowance from the *DGRS Article II* plan or is eligible to receive fringe benefits from the *DGRS Article III* Plan.

*Retirement*⁵⁴ means a member's withdrawal from the employ of the City with a retirement allowance or pension paid by the system.

*Retirement Allowance*⁵⁵ means the sum of the annuity and the pension.

*Retirement System or System*⁵⁶ means the general employees retirement system of the City created and established by Title IX, Chapter VI, of the 1918 Detroit City Charter, as amended,⁵⁷ continued in effect through the 1974 and 1997 Detroit City Charters and codified in this Article. *See DGRS.*

*Service*⁵⁸ means personal services rendered to the City by a person as an employee of the City as defined in Section 47-1-21 of this Code, who is compensated by the City.

*Service credit for purposes of the 1973 Defined Benefit/Defined Contribution (Annuity) Plan*⁵⁹ means that in accordance with such rules and regulations as the Board shall adopt, each member shall be credited with service as follows: (1) One month of service credit is earned when the member is paid for eighty hours of work during the month; (2) A full year of credit is earned for nine months of credit in any calendar year, except the member's last year of work. Less than nine months of service rendered in a calendar year shall neither be credited as a full year of service, nor shall more than one year of service be credited to any member for service rendered in any one calendar year. Service credit is used to determine eligibility for service retirement, vesting, non-duty disability and survivor benefits. Service credit is also earned by a member retired on a duty disability or while receiving Workers' Compensation benefits.

(Ord. No. 29-01, § 1, 11-30-01; Ord. No. 37-11, § 1, 11-29-11)

Sec. A-22. [Formerly Sec. 47-1-22. Service Credit.⁶⁰]

The Board shall keep an accurate record of each employee's Accumulated Service credit⁶¹ from the date of commencement of employment with the employer.

(Ord. No. 29-01, § 1, 11-30-01)

Sec. A-23. [Formerly Sec. 47-1-23. Service Credit; Former Employees of the Founder's Society—Detroit Institute of Arts.⁶²]

Pursuant to Section 6-519⁶³ of the 1974 Detroit City Charter, and for the sole purpose of computing service credit to determine eligibility for a retirement allowance from the General Retirement System, a person who was inducted into the classified service of the City of Detroit during the calendar year 1984 as a result of the transfer of certain functions at the Detroit Institute of Arts from *The Founder's Society/Detroit Institute of Arts* to the City of Detroit, shall be credited with service credit equivalent to continuous time worked as a full time employee of the *Founder's Society/Detroit Institute of Arts* retroactive to January 1, 1984. Such *Founder's Society/Detroit Institute of Arts* service credit shall have no effect upon the amount of retirement benefits paid by the General Retirement System. Such *Founder's Society/Detroit Institute of Arts* service credit shall be added to the service credit earned as a City of Detroit employee only for purposes of meeting service credit eligibility requirements under the General Retirement System. The Board of Trustees of the General Retirement System shall make all determinations of crediting of such *Founder's Society/Detroit Institute of Arts* service credit in accordance with the pension plan provisions.

(Ord. No. 29-01, § 1, 11-30-01)

Sec. A-24. [Formerly Sec. 47-1-24. Service Credit; Transfer to Other Governmental Service.⁶⁴]

A member transferred from the City payroll by his or her department head to the payroll of any City, county, state, or federal government to serve the Interests of the City during peace time shall continue to be a member of the retirement system for purposes of service credit in accordance with the ordinance or resolution passed to implement such transfer.

(Ord. No. 29-01, § 1, 11-30-01)

Sec. A-25. [Formerly Sec. 47-1-25. Service Credit; Military Service.⁶⁵]

An employee of the employer who enters the military service of the United States while so employed shall have such service credited as City service in the same manner as if the employee had served the employer without interruption, provided that 1) the employee's entry into such service and re-employment thereafter shall be in accordance with applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations of the State of Michigan and the City, and 2) he or she is re-employed by the employer upon completion of such service. During the period of service and until return to City employment, his or her contributions to the fund shall be suspended and the fund balance shall be accumulated at regular interest.

(Ord. No. 29-01, § 1, 11-30-01)

Sec. A-26. [Formerly Sec. 47-1-26. Service Credit; Qualified Military Service (Pre-Employment Service).⁶⁶]

- (a) Notwithstanding any provision of this Chapter to the contrary, contributions, benefits, and service credit with respect to qualified military service, shall be provided in accordance with Section 414(u)⁶⁷ of the Internal Revenue Code. Up to three years of pre-employment service credit may be purchased for the following periods: service for a period of not less than ninety days between (1) the date of declaration of war by Congress and the recognized date of cessation of military hostilities; (2) the onset of World War II on December 8, 1941 to its conclusion on July 1, 1946; (3) the onset of the Korean Conflict on June 27, 1950 to its conclusion on December 31, 1953; (4) the onset of the Vietnam Conflict on February 28, 1961 to its conclusion on May 7, 1975, or (5) beginning on the date of the recognition of an emergency condition by the issuance of a presidential proclamation or a presidential executive order, during which emergency condition the member received the Armed Forces Expeditionary or other Campaign Service Medal authorized by the Federal Government for the Expedition or Campaign.⁶⁸
- (b) This time may be applied toward a member's credited service and may be used in meeting the minimum time needed for an automatic Option Two or automatic Option Three pension.⁶⁹
- (c) This time shall not apply toward meeting the minimum service and age requirements for vesting, for a non-duty disability pension, or for a service pension.

(Ord. No. 29-01, 11-30-01)

Sec. A-27. [Formerly Sec. 47-1-27. Freeze of General Retirement System as of June 30, 2014.]

Notwithstanding anything in Articles I, II, III, or IV of Chapter 47 of the 1984 Detroit City Code to the contrary, effective as of June 30, 2014 (the "Freeze Date") –

- (a) No new employee hired by an Employer on or after July 1, 2014 shall become a member who is eligible to accrue a benefit under the terms of the General Retirement System in effect as of the Freeze Date;
- (b) No employee who is rehired by an Employer on or after July 1, 2014 shall become a member who is eligible to accrue either a benefit or service credit for any purpose under the terms of the General Retirement System in effect as of the Freeze Date; *provided, however*, that a member who is entitled to a Frozen Accrued Benefit as defined in subsection (c) of this Section 47-1-27 and who is rehired by an Employer on or after July 1, 2014 but prior to the date the member incurs a six-year break in service shall be eligible to accrue service credit following rehire solely for the purpose of determining the member's eligibility for payment of his Frozen Accrued Benefit;

- (c) Benefit accruals for members with respect to service rendered prior to July 1, 2014 will be frozen based on a member's years of service, Average Final Compensation, and the pension multiplier formulae as of such Freeze Date ("Frozen Accrued Benefit");
- (d) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (e) of this Section 47-1-27, compensation of a member shall be frozen effective as of the Freeze Date for purposes of determining the member's Frozen Accrued Benefit. No compensation of any type earned by a member after the Freeze Date shall be taken into consideration for purposes of determining the member's Frozen Accrued Benefit under the General Retirement System;
- (e) Any member who, as of June 30, 2014, would have been eligible to elect to use a portion of his unused accrued sick leave to increase his Average Final Compensation ("Sick Leave Rollover") if the member had been eligible to retire and had elected to retire as of June 30, 2014, shall have a one-time election as of June 30, 2014 ("Special Election") to add the value of twenty-five percent (25%) of the member's unused sick leave accrued for purposes of the Sick Leave Rollover in accordance with the terms of the applicable collective bargaining agreement, City Employment Terms or Detroit Code of Ordinance to the earnings used in computing Average Final Compensation for purposes of determining the member's Frozen Accrued Benefit; *provided, however*, that at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the member's sick leave accrued for purposes of the Sick Leave Rollover in accordance with the terms of the applicable collective bargaining agreement, City Employment Terms or Detroit Code of Ordinance remains in the member's sick leave bank at the time the completed Special Election form is received by the Retirement System and, *provided further* that the completed Special Election form is received by the Retirement System no later than August 15, 2014. A member's Special Election shall be made in the manner set forth by the Board of Trustees and the Retirement System. Notwithstanding anything in this subsection (e) to the contrary, a member's Special Election will be void and the determination of the member's Average Final Compensation for purposes of calculating the member's Frozen Accrued Benefit will not take into account any of the member's unused sick leave, if (i) the electing member would not have been eligible to receive an immediate service retirement if he retired as of June 30, 2014, and (ii) the electing member's employment with an Employer is terminated before the electing member becomes eligible for an immediate service retirement under the Retirement System;
- (f) Service earned after the Freeze Date shall be credited to a member solely for purposes of determining the member's vesting in and eligibility for payment of his or her Frozen Accrued Benefits. Service credit for all members for benefit accrual purposes under the terms of the General Retirement System in effect as of the Freeze Date shall be frozen effective as of the Freeze Date and no member shall earn service credit with respect to benefits payable under the terms of the General Retirement System in effect as of the Freeze Date (except for vesting and benefit payment eligibility purposes) after the Freeze Date;
- (g) No member shall make contributions to the Annuity Savings Fund under the General Retirement System in effect as of June 30, 2014 with respect to wages earned on or after July 14, 2014, and all Annuity Savings Fund contributions made on or after July 14, 2014 shall be made to and in accordance with the terms of the Combined Plan for the General Retirement System of the City of Detroit, Michigan; and
- (h) The 1998 Defined Contribution Plan will be closed to all employees hired or rehired by an Employer on or after July 1, 2014. On or after July 1, 2014, no person may make an election to participate in the 1998 Defined Contribution Plan, and no future contributions will be made to or accepted by the 1998 Defined Contribution Plan with respect to wages earned on or after July 1, 2014.

The foregoing terms of Section 47-1-27 shall be referred to as the "Freeze" of the provisions of the General Retirement System as in effect on the Freeze Date and the provisions of Articles I, II, III, or IV of Chapter 47 of the 1984 Detroit City Code shall be interpreted and construed by the Board of Trustees and the Retirement System to give full effect to the Freeze. To the extent that a conflict arises between this Section 47-1-27 and other provisions in Chapter 47, or any collective bargaining agreement or other document governing the terms of employment of any employee, the Board of Trustees and the Retirement System are directed to interpret any inconsistency or ambiguity to give full effect to the Freeze.

(Ord. No. 17-14, Sec. 47-1-27.)

By Agreement

Effective July 1, 1995, all members of the bargaining unit have the option of purchasing pre-employment military time for pension purposes in accordance with the 1995-1998 arbitration award.^j

[Secs. 47-1-28—47-1-30. Reserved.]

^j CBA-1 (§ 43.P.), CBA-2 (§ 35.R.), CET-2 (§ 47.O.).

ARTICLE B. [FORMERLY ARTICLE II. DEFINED BENEFIT/DEFINED CONTRIBUTION (ANNUITY) PLAN OF THE GENERAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM.]

Sec. B-1. [Formerly Sec. 47-2-1. Membership.⁷⁰]

The membership of the General Retirement System *1973 Defined Benefit/Defined Contribution (Annuity) Plan* shall consist of all persons who are full time employees of the employer as defined in Section 47-1-21 of this Code, except:

- (a) persons who are members of the *Policemen and Firemen Retirement System*, established under Title IX, Chapter VII of the 1918 Detroit City Charter and continued in the 1974 and 1997 Detroit City Charters;
- (b) persons who make an election to become a participant in the Retirement System *1998 Defined Contribution Plan* pursuant to Section 47-3-3 of this Code; and
- (c) Any person who is a member of any other public employee pension or retirement plan adopted by the State of Michigan, other than the Michigan National Guard, or by any other political subdivision of this state.

By Agreement

Special Service employees who work more than fourteen hundred forty (1440) hours per fiscal year will be eligible for Pension Plan (General Retirement System).^k

Sec. B-2. [Formerly Sec. 47-2-2. Cessation of Membership; Re-Employment by the Employer.⁷¹]

- (a) Any member who retires under Section 47-2-4(a), (b), or (c),⁷² or dies, shall have a non-forfeitable right to a benefit.
- (b) With respect to persons not on the active payroll prior to October 1, 2005, the following provisions of this subsection shall apply:
 - (1) Except as otherwise provided for in this Article II, if any non-vested member leaves City employment for any reason other than retirement or death, such person shall thereupon cease to be a member and his or her credited service at that time shall be forfeited. In the event of re-employment by the City, such person shall again become a member of the Retirement System. If re-employment occurs within a period of six (6) years⁷³ from and after the date City employment last terminated, credited service last forfeited shall be restored to his or her credit for purposes of accruing a benefit after re-employment.
 - (2) With respect to persons on the active payroll on or after October 1, 2005, re-employment shall restore any previously forfeited service credit notwithstanding the time of re-employment.
- (c) Vested former employees rehired prior to receiving pension benefits.⁷⁴
 - (1) Former employees who are vested but have not yet begun to receive pension benefits who are rehired prior to being separated for six (6) years shall have their pension calculated in accordance with the rules in effect at the time of their last termination of active service or retirement.
 - (2) Former employees who are vested but have not begun to receive pension benefits and are rehired after July 1, 1992 after being separated for more than six (6) years who accumulate enough service credit to be

^k CET-3 (§ 39.C.).